Day 5,Month 6, Year 20XX: We've been sailing for what feels like years...
Our supplies on the ship have been limited. We were less than prepared for such a major voyage. As a result, everyone on deck is now sporting some wicked facial hair.
Even the captain's beard grew a beard.
Both Ness and the captain got seasick. The captain was really having a hard time, but I think Ness was just faking and trying to get attention.
Speaking of Ness, did you know he wet the bed THREE times?? It was really nasty. Well, I should go. Hope you're well, Mrs. Ness. P.S. Please send cookies.
What're you writing?
O-Okay, so I lied a little! Is that so wrong???
YES!!
T-This is an invasion of my privacy!! Get me my lawyer!

Oooh, wow! I wonder what those ruins used to be.
I wouldn't mind looking around some of these islands!
Hmmm. I remember the others, but not him. Is he a Dalaamese kid? That's impossible, though. There's no way they'd have been able to go to Dalaam and back so quickly.
...Wait, is it even possible to get to Dalaam...?
Ah, excuse me. I observed a sudden change in the weather.
Captain, could there be a storm coming?
Hm? A storm...?
The sky's lookin' mighty ominous, but it's too early to tell.
Still..., I have a feeling Lady Luck is takin' a vacation today.
Alright, listen up! We're headin' into rough territory! At best, expect the worst thunder storm of your life!
At worst... well...
I hope you kids saved your game.

It's too early to be getting this dark, but the sky is too quiet for an oncoming storm. I don't like the looks of this...
Yeah, I don't hear any thunder, captain. It's oddly calm.
Aye, that's what worries me the most.
Really? Is that such a bad thing?
Yes.... Yes, it is.
An ominous sky like this can bring nothing but trouble...

Once we pass this island, we'll be about halfway there.
Ruuuuuuuumble
....Hm? Could the volcano be activating?
Ruuuumble
By the Goddess... That's no volcano...
SPLAA
SH
SKREEEEEEE
A!!

...You're kidding me...
Can we even fight something that big...?
I don't think we have a choice...
N-No way...
Aye, the Kraken will never let anyone who has disturbed its territory escape.
W-What's it doing?
Is it... smiling?
It almost looks like it's laughing...
The Kraken is both cruel and merciless.
The only thing that would make it laugh is....
...AH!! The tail!! It's trying to capsize the boat!!
I have to get this thing moving, fast!!

C'mon, C'mon....
You can do it, girl!
Don't let us become a statistic!
VRRRRRRRMMMMMMMMMMM
N-Not good....
It's closing in!!
At this point,
we're barely treading
water!!
We'll have
to hold it off as best
we can!
Everyone,
prepare for
battle!

PSI Freeze!!
PSI Freeze!!
Great idea! If we use all of our PSI to freeze it, we can at least buy ourselves some time!
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
RUUUUUUUUMBLE
SKKKKREEEEEEEE

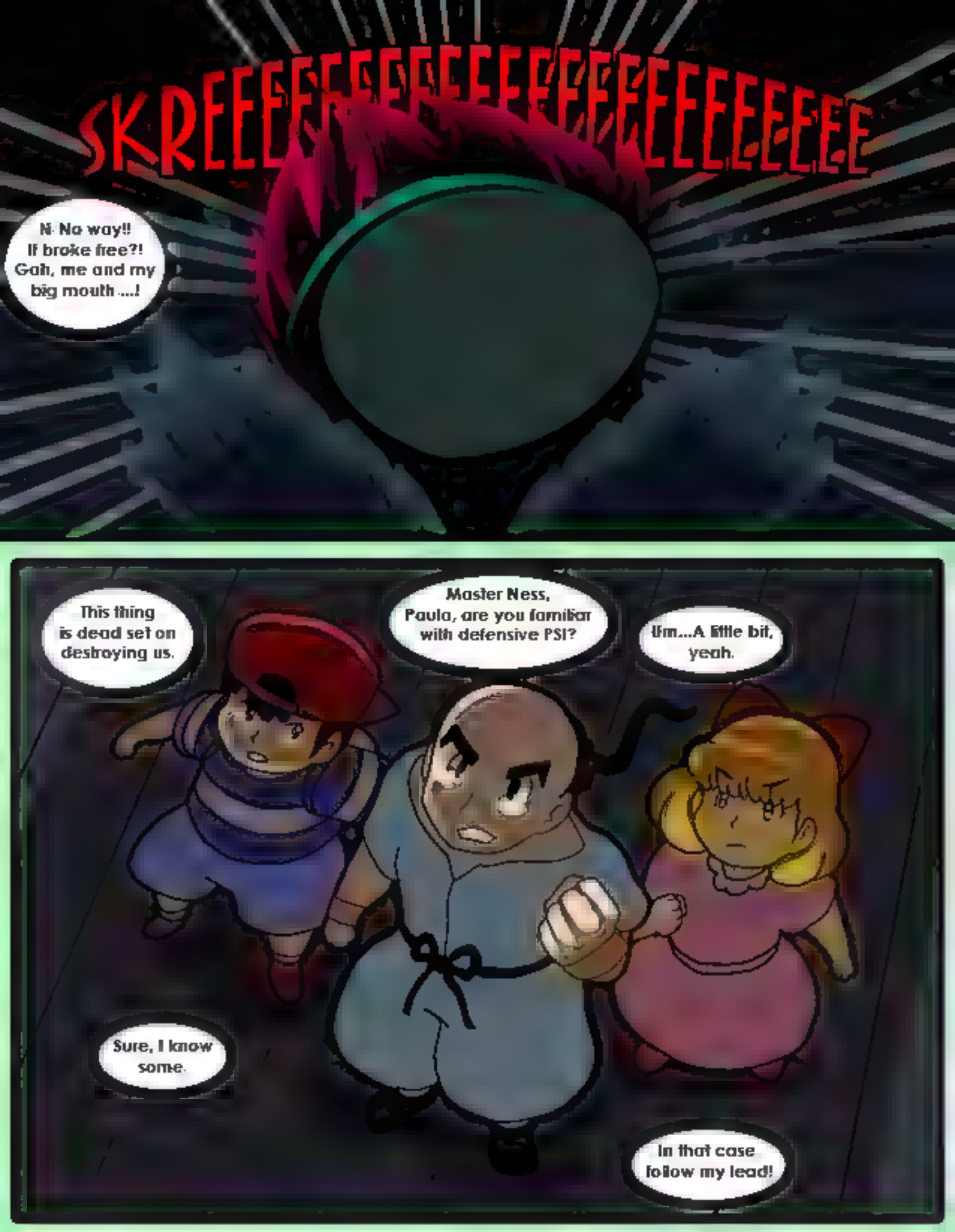
Captain, can you bring us closer to shore? If we lure it to land, then maybe...
No can do, kid. If we leave the boat idle, that beast'll smash her to pieces for sure!
But maybe... I'll bring her closer, so hang tight!
Paula, keep going! Even if it's only for a couple of seconds, we must keep the Kraken immobile!
PSI FREEZE!
Right!!

KCHUNK

Haha, you kids are crazy! You attend some magic school for wizards or something? I had a cousin who... Er, well, maybe now's not the best time.

...Alright! We may not be able to land, but if we put the island between us and the Kraken, that'll at least give us some distance!

Even if it's smart enough to curve around the island and chase us, that sucker is still frozen solid.
Even the Kraken'd have trouble breaking out of that much ice.
SSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS
BWOOOOOOOOOOOOOSHHHHHH


SKREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
N- No way!! If broke free?! Gah, me and my big mouth ....!
This thing is dead set on destroying us.
Master Ness, Paula, are you familiar with defensive PSI?
Um...A little bit, yeah.
Sure, I know some.
In that case follow my lead!

SHIELD!
Here it comes! Stay focused!
BAAAAAAAAAAAAASH

Tch...We're just barely holding on. . With the three of us powering the shield, though, there's no way we can push it back. Unless..
KABOOOOM!
Sorry to keep you waiting, guys.
One order of Kraken soup... coming up.

This...
is what a hero can do.
Pretty impressive, huh?
Wow, Jeff, that was....
...Really corny!
Hee hee hee... "Kraken soup"? You're so funny, Jeff!
I-I-I-I-I-I-I-It was all I could come up with!! D-D-D-D-D Don't ruin this for me!!
pfffffft
snicker
I've been working here and there to fix the broken bazooka, but no matter what, I just couldn't grasp the concept of what I could do to get it working again.
Once this voyage began, I had more time to sit down and look over my notes....
Even after working through the night, I was at a loss. However, just now, it came to me....!

And this... is the fruit of my labor!
KABWOOOOOSH!
Behold!! The Heavy Bazooka!
...But that's not all!
I'm just getting started!
My surplus of bottle rockets...
Are yours for the taking!

KABLAAAAAAAAST!!!
Jeff has the right idea! We'll drop the shield and go for an all out attack!!
Right! We can win if we just keep if pinned down!
It's been awhile since I've used my PSI attack, but something feels different...
I'm not sure if I can control all of this, but... I'll give it a shot!

RUUUUUUUUMBLE
PSI...PSI...PSI...
FIRE!
THUNDER!
ROCKIN!!

FFEEEEAAAAA
AAAAHHHH
H!!
BWOOOOOOOOSH!!
CRAAAAASH!!

Unbelievable....!
Th- They brought down the Kraken??

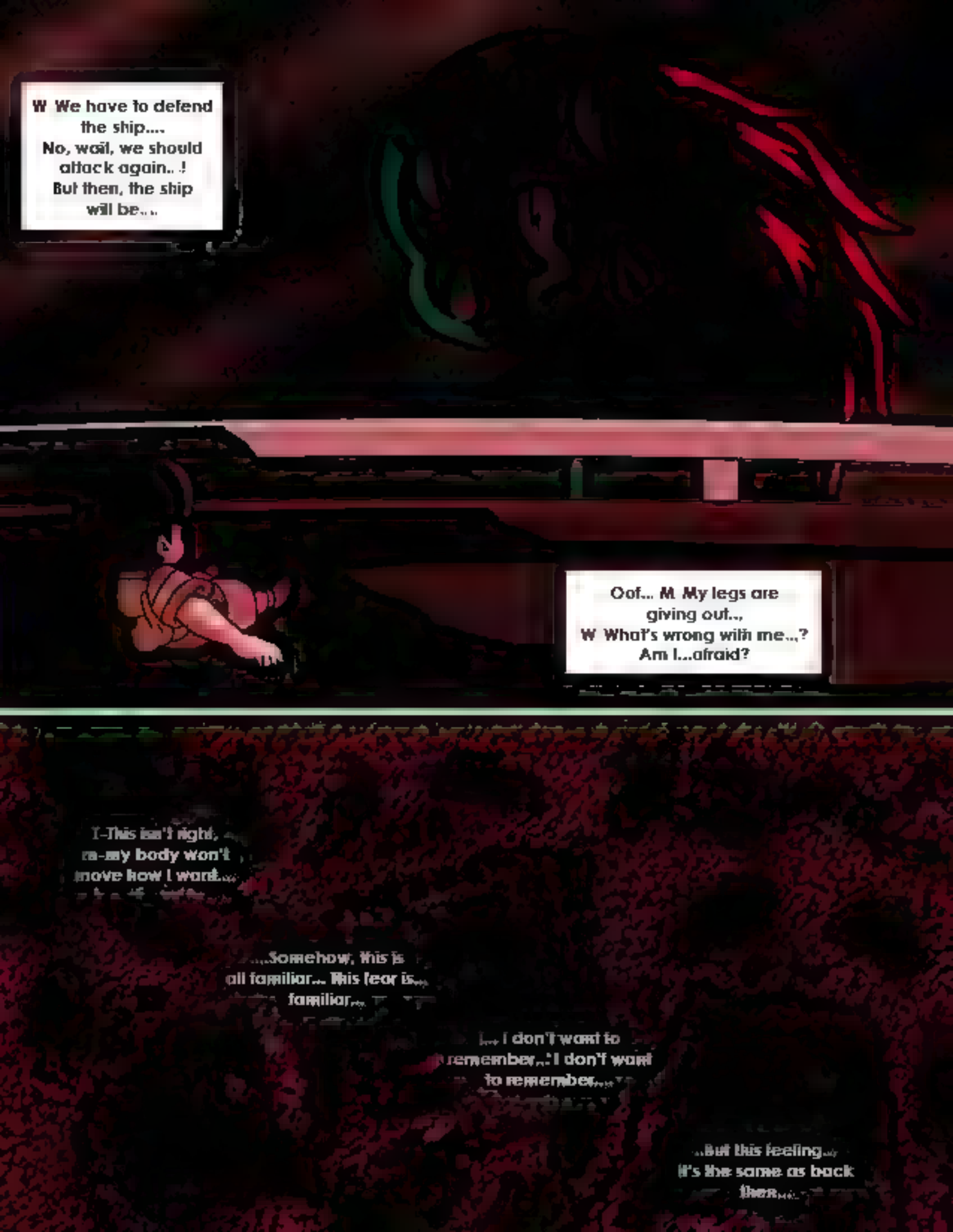
The legendary beast, brought down by a pack of teenagers...
This is like something out of one of those "video" games!

Still, the fact that this kind of stuff is really happening... I get the feeling I'm caught up in the middle of something I can't even begin to comprehend.
Whew, still got it! For a second there, I was a little worried I might lose control...
Master Ness, that PSI... where did you learn such a thing?
Ah, well... I just..kind of knew it, I guess.
When I yell or get emotional, the power comes flowing out.
Captain, it looks like the storm isn't over, even with the Kraken gone.
Do you think we'll get any rain or is this it?
Aye, we're not out of this mess just yet! You kids, prepare yourselves for anything!
One bad storm will put us right back into a heap of trouble.
For now,...we are at the mercy of the sea.

swish
wwwwwwhhhh
Whew... A few hours ago the sky was pretty dark but now it seems we're in the clear
Hey, it's getting lighter out!
Hm? Well, I'll be...,
With the Kraken defeated, the storm must be clearing up.
Can't say I understand how that works, but I'm not complainin'
It's not much, but a little bit of sun is coming through!
It feels like it's been forever since we've seen anything but storm clouds...
Alright, kids! I'm gonna put this thing into high gear!
whrrrrr
We're almost there! I can't wait to be on dry land again!!
Yeah! At this rate, we'll

W-What's going on???
T-That s-scream...
I-It's...
B-Beneath the boat??
I-Impossible...!!
There's no way we can move in time....!!!
B-BRACE FOR IMPACT!!

W What's going on?!
Is there more than one Kraken?!
SPLAAAAAAAAASH
Ooh.. I'm so dizzy.... Is everyone okay?
I think so... More importantly, is the ship still intact?
I think the ship's okay, but ..
We have to protect it before the Kraken strikes again....
RUUUUMBLE
Still... ,
W What do we do now ...?


W We have to defend the ship....
No, wait, we should attack again..!
But then, the ship will be...
Oof... M My legs are giving out...
W What's wrong with me...?
Am I...afraid?
I-This isn't right, m-my body won't move how I want...
...Somehow, this is all familiar... This fear is... familiar...
...I don't want to remember...! I don't want to remember...
...But this feeling... it's the same as back then...

I've been trying not to think about it, but... That fear never went away, even after all this time... The thought of being that helpless again is... frightening...
Ness! Ness!! Can you hear me??
The Kraken must have triggered something in Ness that was lying dormant all this time.
He still hasn't recovered from what happened back in Fourside
Ness...
I had no idea....
SKREE
AAA!!
Not good, the Kraken is coming...! We're not in any shape to fight, either
I cannot waste any more time here. I know I should not be doing this, but... I no longer have any choice.

Master Ness, please forgive me for not doing this in the first place! However, I cannot allow you or the others to interfere past this point! Do not... Do not come anywhere near me!
P-Poo?? What are you doing??
There is no way I'll be able to remain in full control with an enemy of this magnitude.
Still, this is better than being crushed here and now. Master, I am sorry, but I am afraid I must break another rule.

"Transforming puts both body and mind at risk..."

Before I left Dalaam, these were the words Master gave to me, along with a precious item.

This new power... the ability to mirror other beings... is not to be underestimated.

The stronger the foe, the more dangerous it is to attempt a transformation. However...

I must try, no matter the risk!

I know it is foolish, yet I cannot allow harm to befall Master Ness!

P-Please, let my...d...esi...re to...protec...t... r...em...a...in...

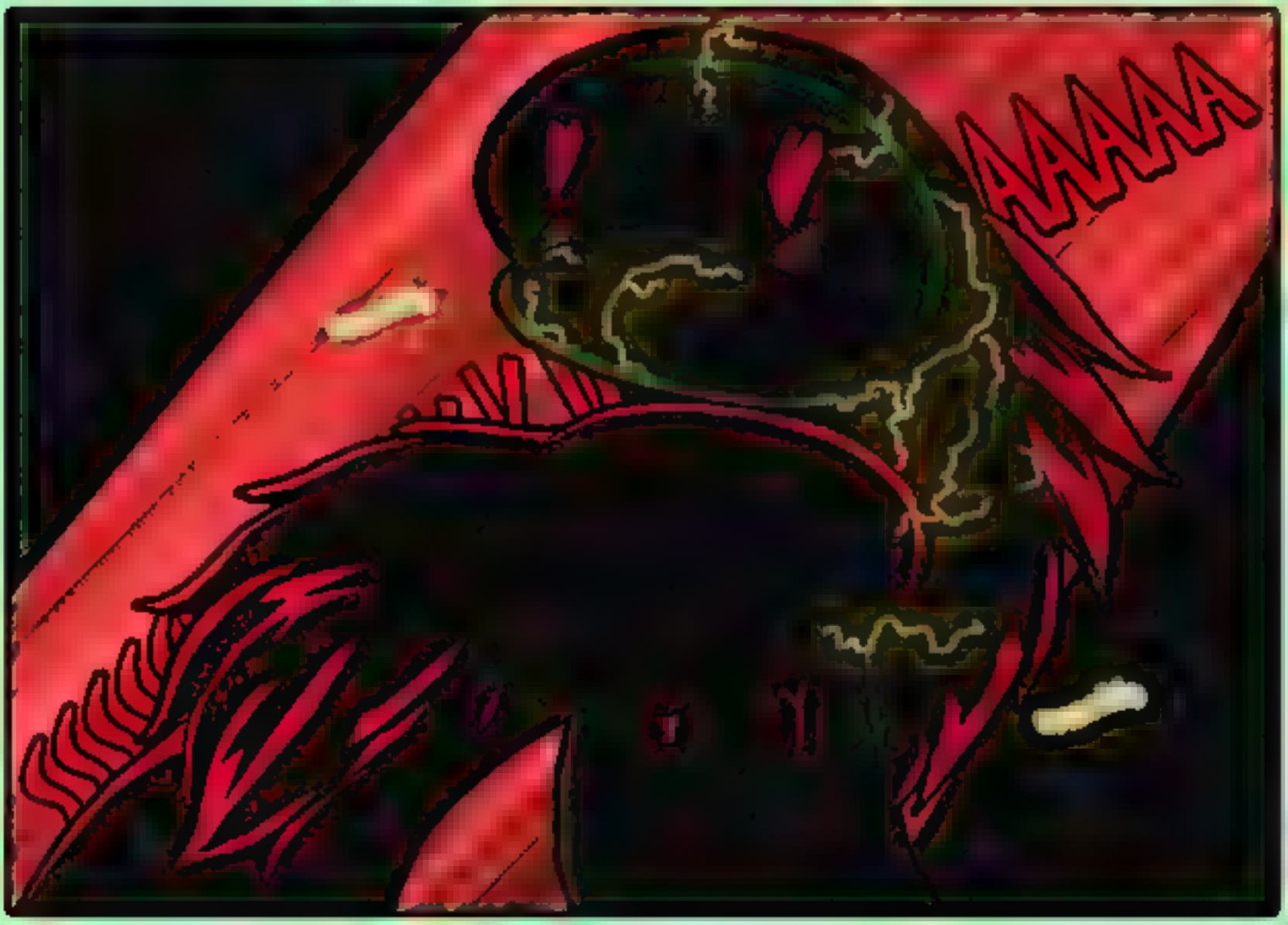
P...R...O...TEC...T

PR...O...TE...

HSSSSSSSHHHHHHHH
RUMBLE
W What just happened?? Where'd Poo go??
W What?! Which one??
I... I think... He turned into a Kraken...
T The really angry one...
SKRAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

SMAAAAAAAAASH

GSSSSSSSSHHHH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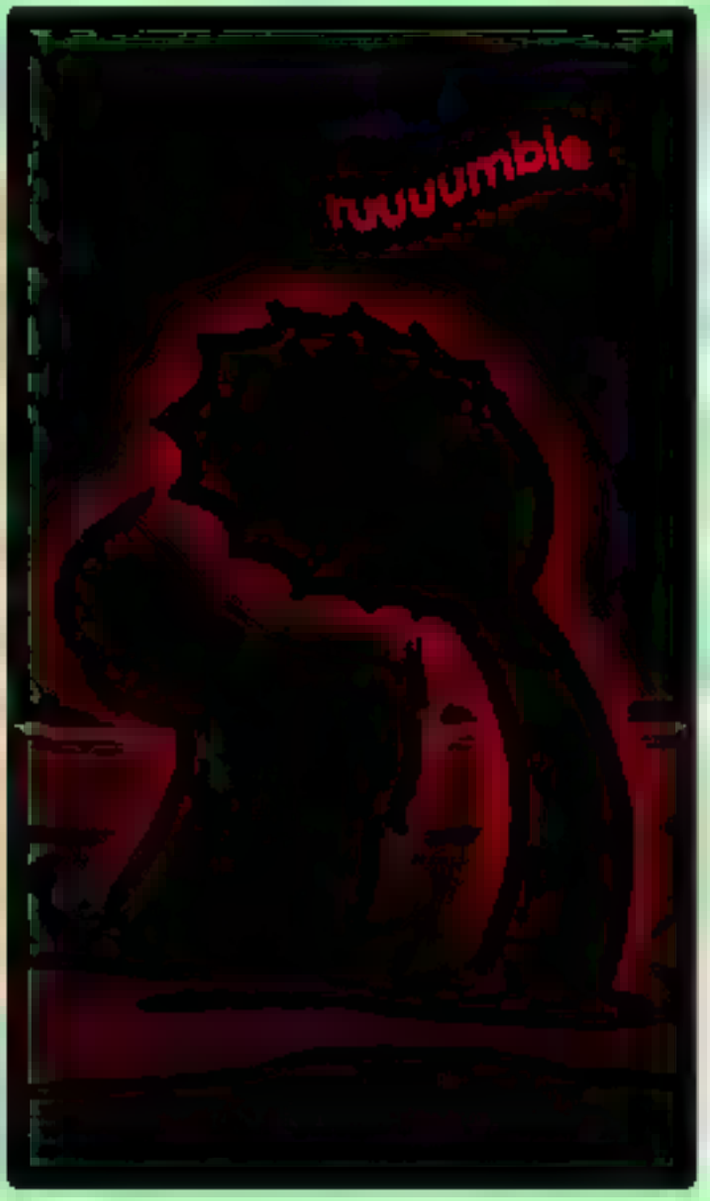
FWOOOOOSH

AAAASH

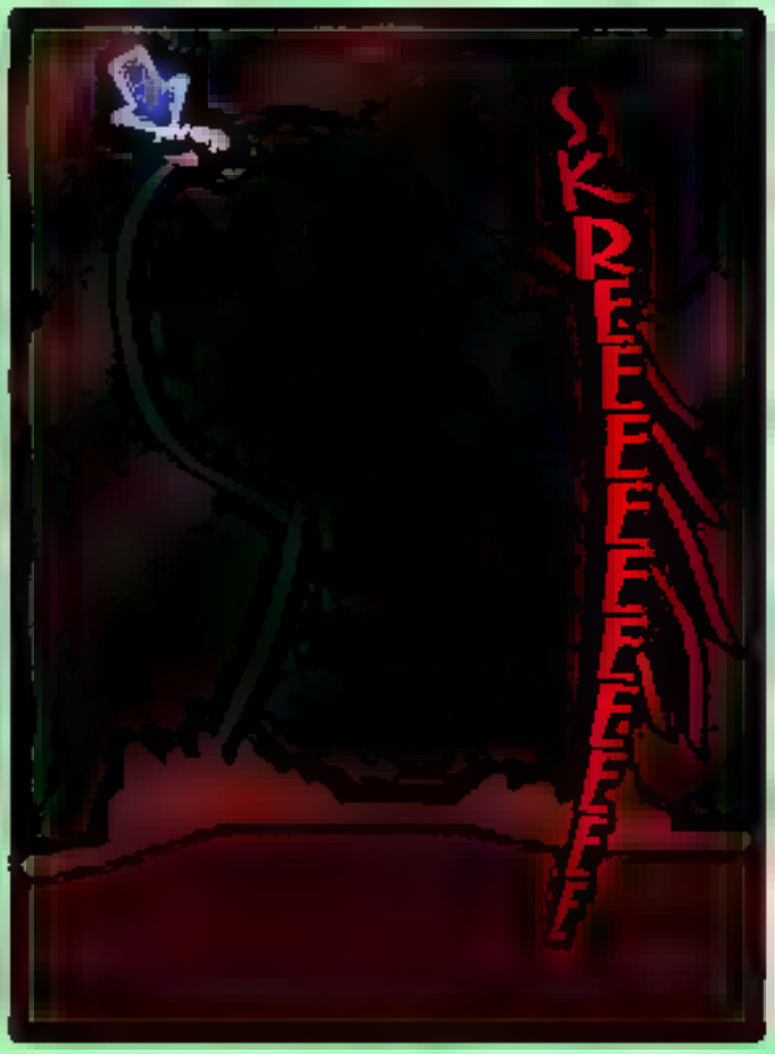

ruuuumble

FWOOOOOOOM
W What is it frying to do now??
The Kraken's tail is rotating so fast, it's actually making a tornado to attack with...
Poo has become so ferocious, even the Kraken doesn't want to fight him up close.
CRUUUUUUUUSHHHHHH
Poo,,, Hang in there...

Hmph... A man of my age, letting children defend him...
No matter how strong they are, I can't just sit here and let the Kraken get away with hurting my baby.
I know I promised my wife never to fight again, but... I can contain the beast within no longer!
ARRRRRGHHHH!
Let me show you just how powerful a true man of the sea is!!
WOOOOOOSH
this secret technique which has been passed down from only the strongest captains...
Not even the Kraken can escape its power.

HYYYYOOOOOOOOOOAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHH!!

GGGGGGGGGH!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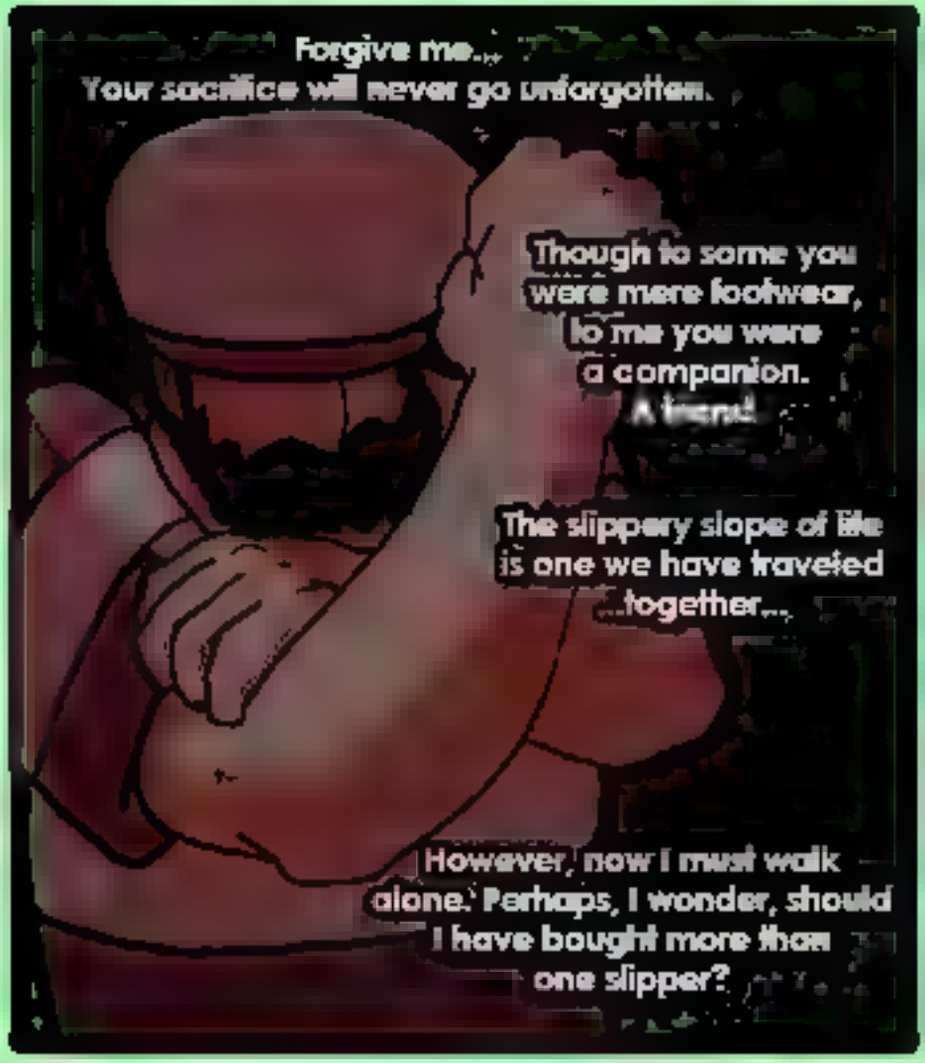
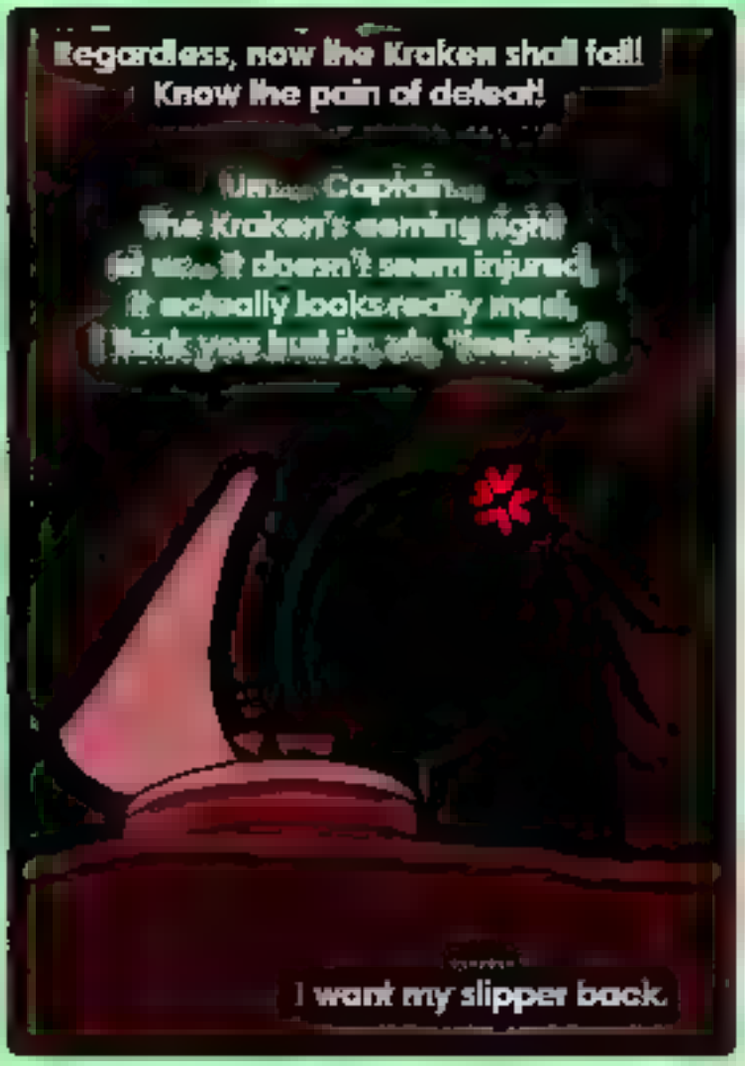

Forgive me...
Your sacrifice will never go unforgotten.
Though to some you were mere footwear, to me you were a companion.
A friend.
The slippery slope of life is one we have traveled ...together...
However, now I must walk alone. Perhaps, I wonder, should I have bought more than one slipper?


Regardless, now the Kraken shall fall! Know the pain of defeat!
Um... Captain... The Kraken's coming right at us... it doesn't seem injured, it actually looks really mad, I think you hurt its, uh, "feelings".
I want my slipper back.

H-Here it comes...!
FWOOOOOOOM
BWOOOOOOSH
KRAAAAAAAAAH
I-I-CAN'T CONTROL IT
T-THIS FORM IS JUST TOO MUCH FOR ME TO HANDLE...
I'M...
...WHAT...

HUUURGH...
W-WHAT... WHAT AM I...
M...ASTER
N...ESS...
Poo. . He s gone this far to protect us.
...And here I am, doing nothing, letting someone save me yet again ... I.. I want to fight... and protect my friends!
SKRRR
SM
AAAASH!
T-Thank goodness...
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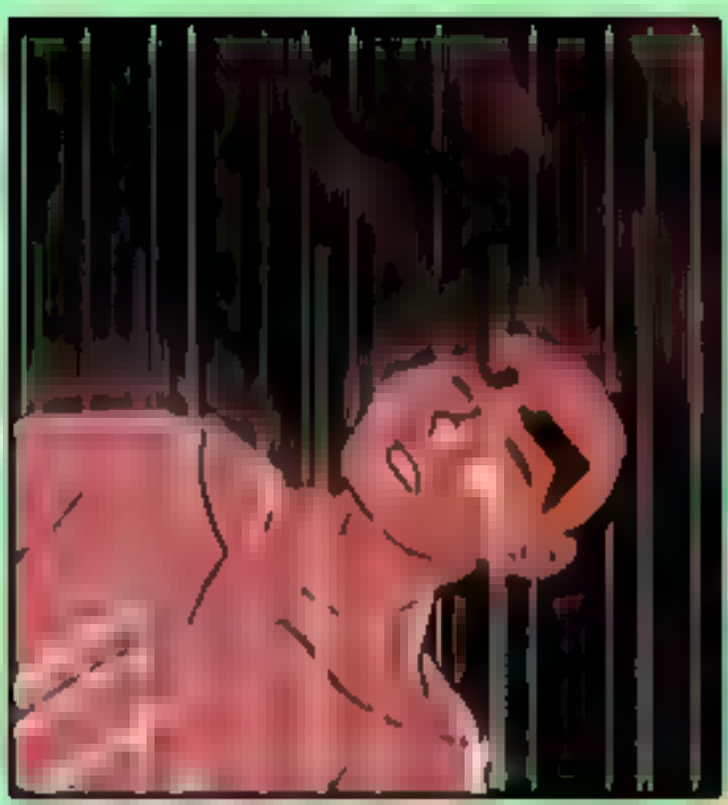
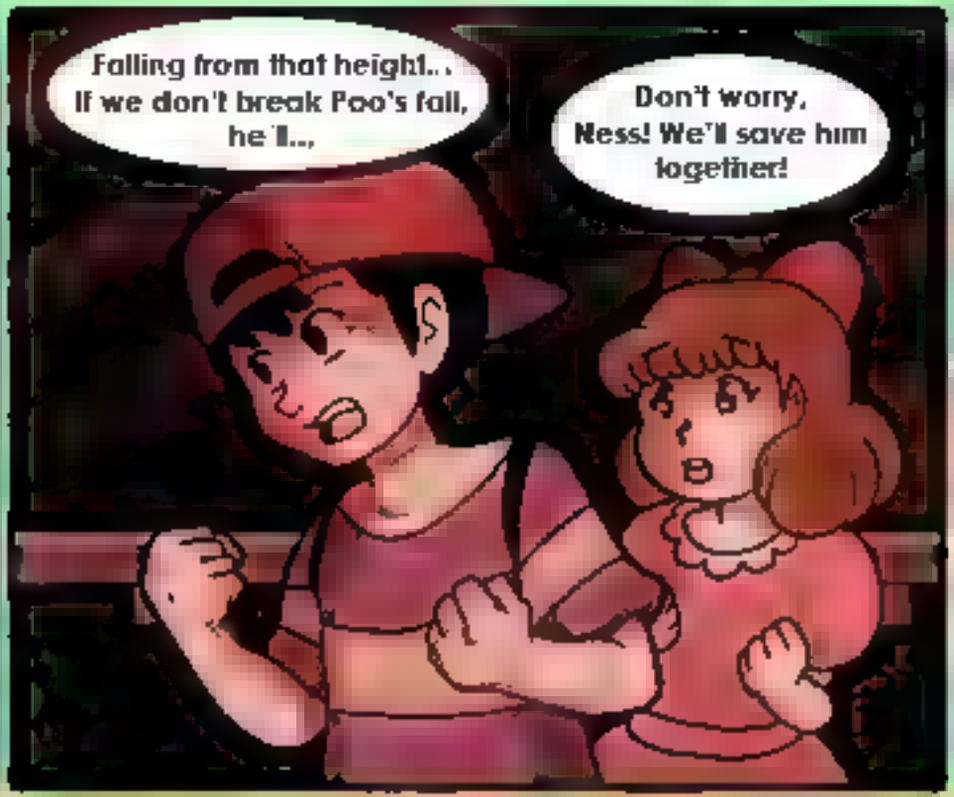
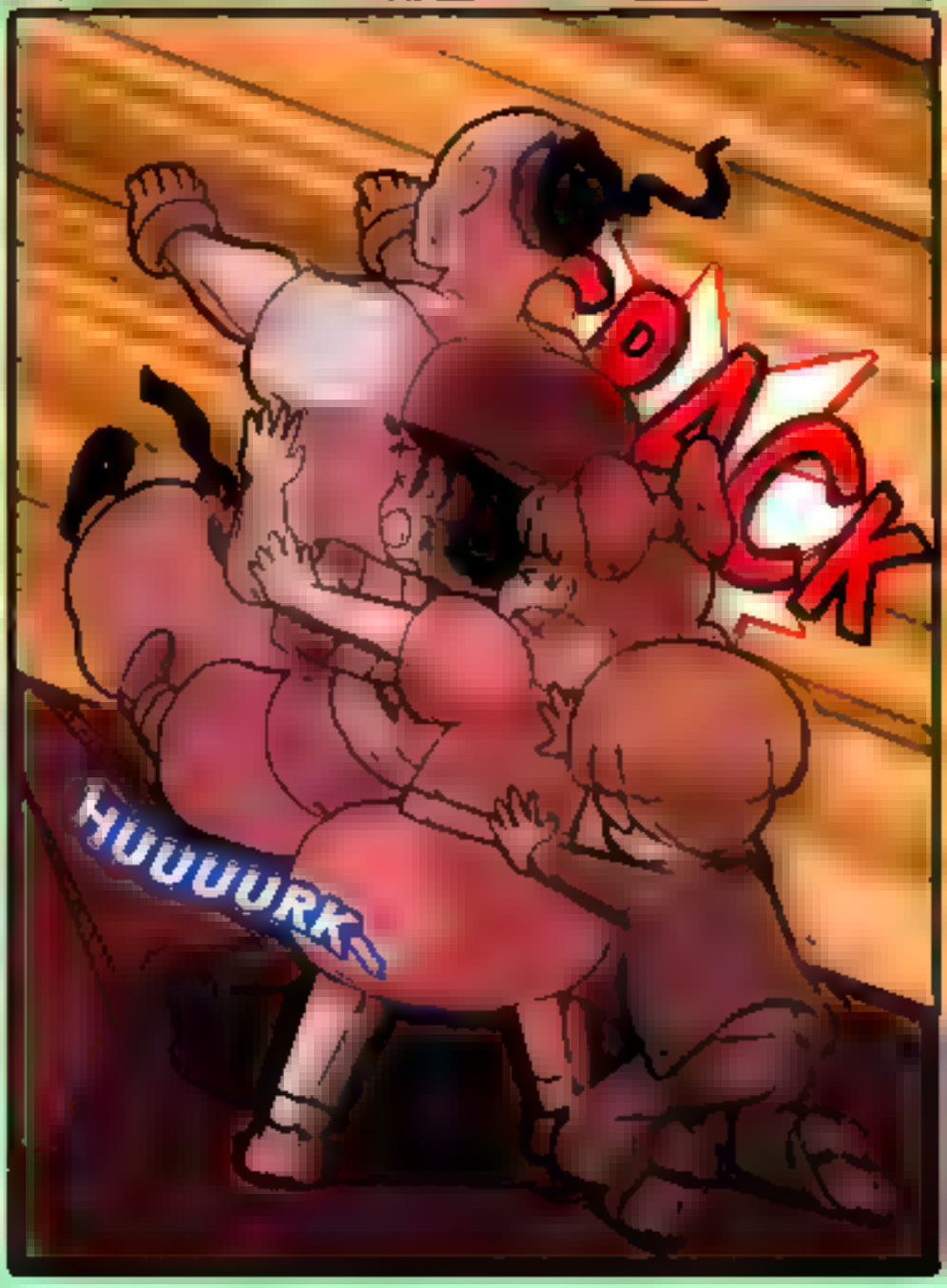
SLAA
AM!
POO!




Falling from that height... If we don't break Poo's fall, he'll...
Don't worry, Ness! We'll save him together!

B- But...at the rate he's falling...
...if that's not physically possible...
gulp


SMACK
HUUUURK

Here he comes!
We can do it!

Whoooa there, you crazy kids! Are you trying to get yourselves killed?!
Oof!
N- Nice catch, captain!
Pulling a crazy stunt like that... How did you kids not break every bone in your bodies?!
This is no time for logic, captain!
Now Poo AND Ness are unconscious!
Hoho! Is that so, kid? Maybe your friends are a little more thick-headed than you give them credit for
Take a look!
N-Ness.. ? No way...
Ness? are you okay? Can you.... ...Ness?
BUMP
BUMP

A-Again... This destructive power is building up once again...!
Concentrate... If I don't focus, I'll lose control!
Slowly, one at a time...
Each ray of light, become a shard of my power!
I don't know why, but suddenly it seems so simple!
I finally understand, this is your true form...!
PSI Rockin'

The air here feels really tense. Is Ness going to be okay?
Ness' PSI is bursting out and flowing through everything around us...
It's unsettling, but he's still in control.
To be able to control all of this PSI... Ness has grown much stronger
Now! Become one! GO!!

SKRRAAAAAAAAAA
FIZZZ
This is it! The energy is gathered all in one place! All that's left is...
PSI Rockin'y!!!
FIRE!!!

..All of the PSI that was flowing through me.....is dissipating
I ..I beat the Kraken..

M..ness...!
W When did you learn something like that ..?

I... somehow, I always knew it. For some reason forming the PSI was so natural that as long as I control my emotions, I can use it anytime.

...But..
is it really safe to use something like this?

What terrifying power Even while unconscious, I could sense the destructive nature of Ness' PSI. That raw, wild energy is unlike any PSI I've experienced. I must...warn him...

Unbelievable!
We defeated the Kraken!!
Explosions, super powers, giant lasers...
and don't forget my ultimate slipper attack!

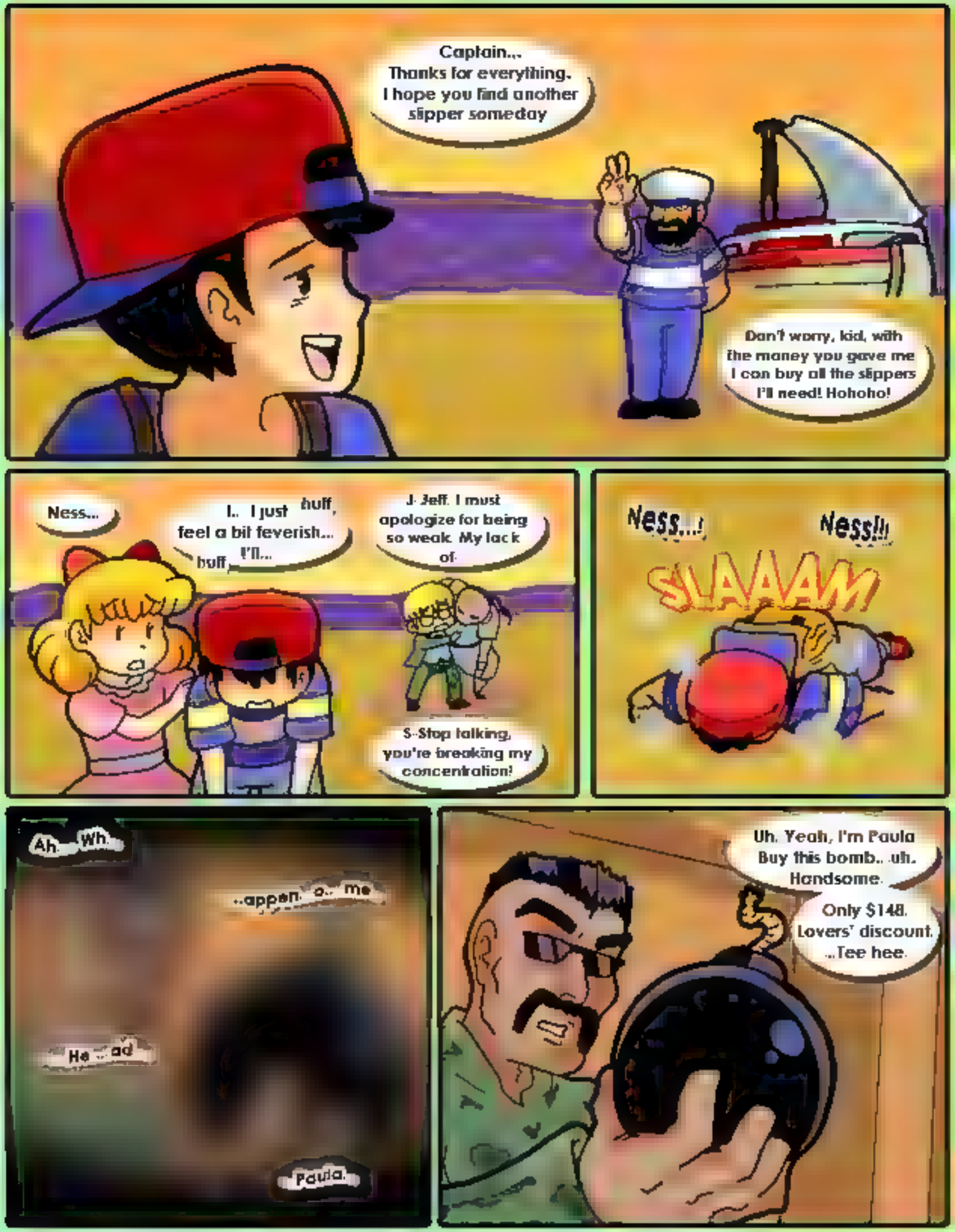
With the Kraken gone, we've completed our voyage. Scaraba's finally in sight!

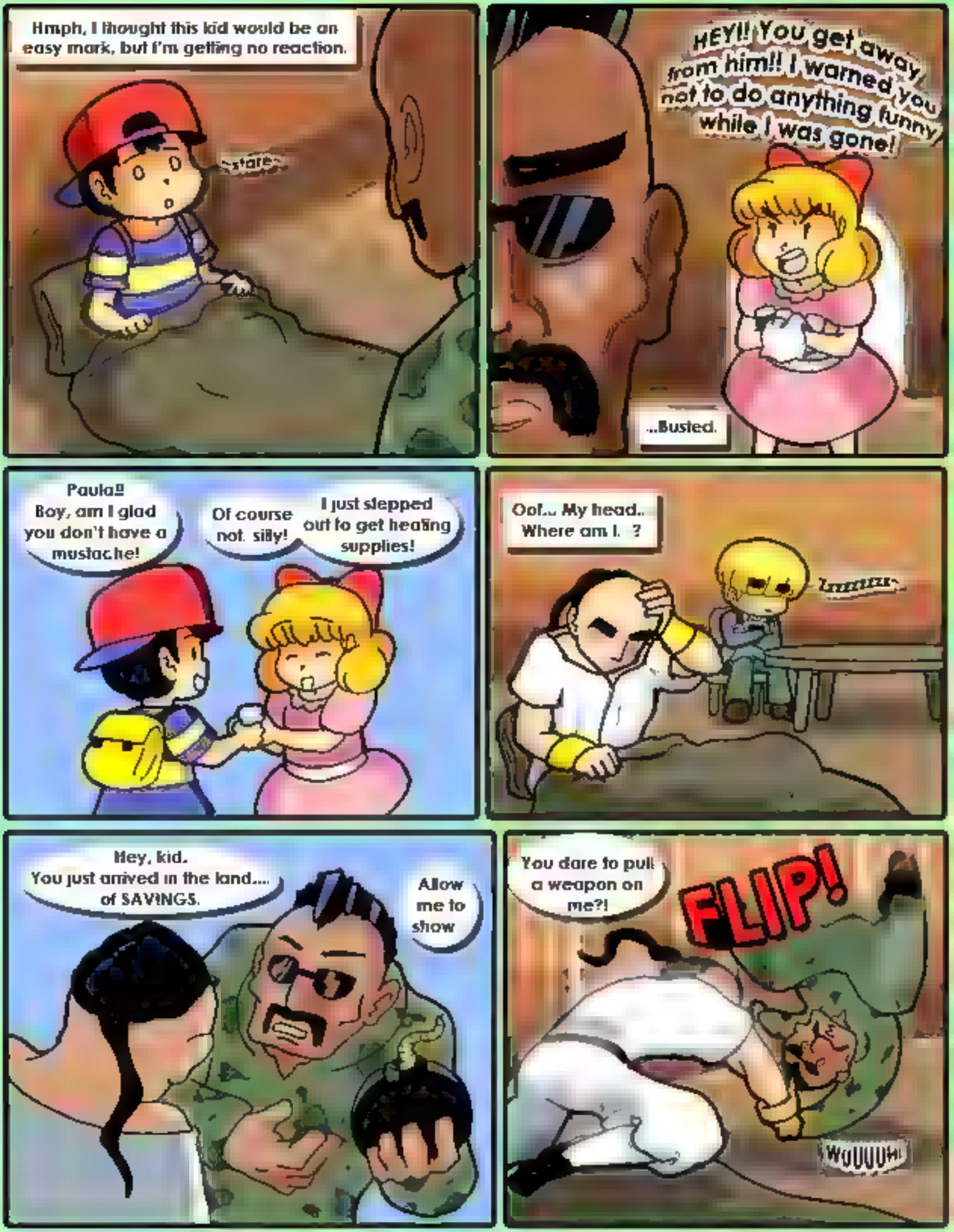
What a great view, huh?

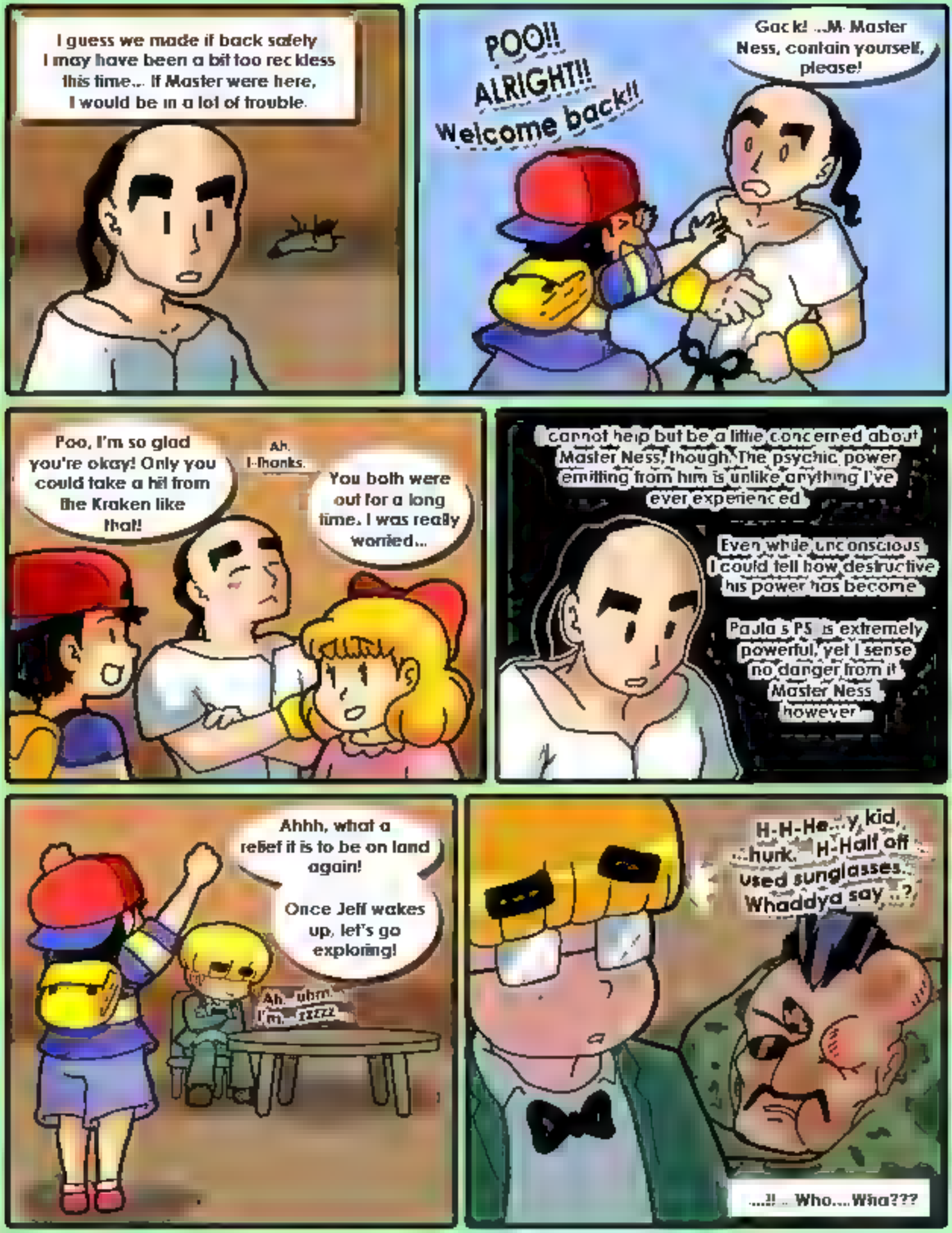
-twitch-

S-s-s-s-s.....omebody
p-p-pl....ease...
I-I-let m-m-me
do-o-own al-l-lready

-twitch-


Captain... Thanks for everything. I hope you find another slipper someday
Don't worry, kid, with the money you gave me I can buy all the slippers I'll need! Hohoho!
Ness...
I.. I just huff, feel a bit feverish... huff I'll...
J- Jeff. I must apologize for being so weak. My lack of
S-Stop talking, you're breaking my concentration!
Ness...!
Ness!!!
SLAAAAM
Ah... Wh...
..appen.. o.. me
He.. ad
Paula.
Uh. Yeah, I'm Paula Buy this bomb.. uh. Handsome.
Only $148. Lovers' discount. ..Tee hee.

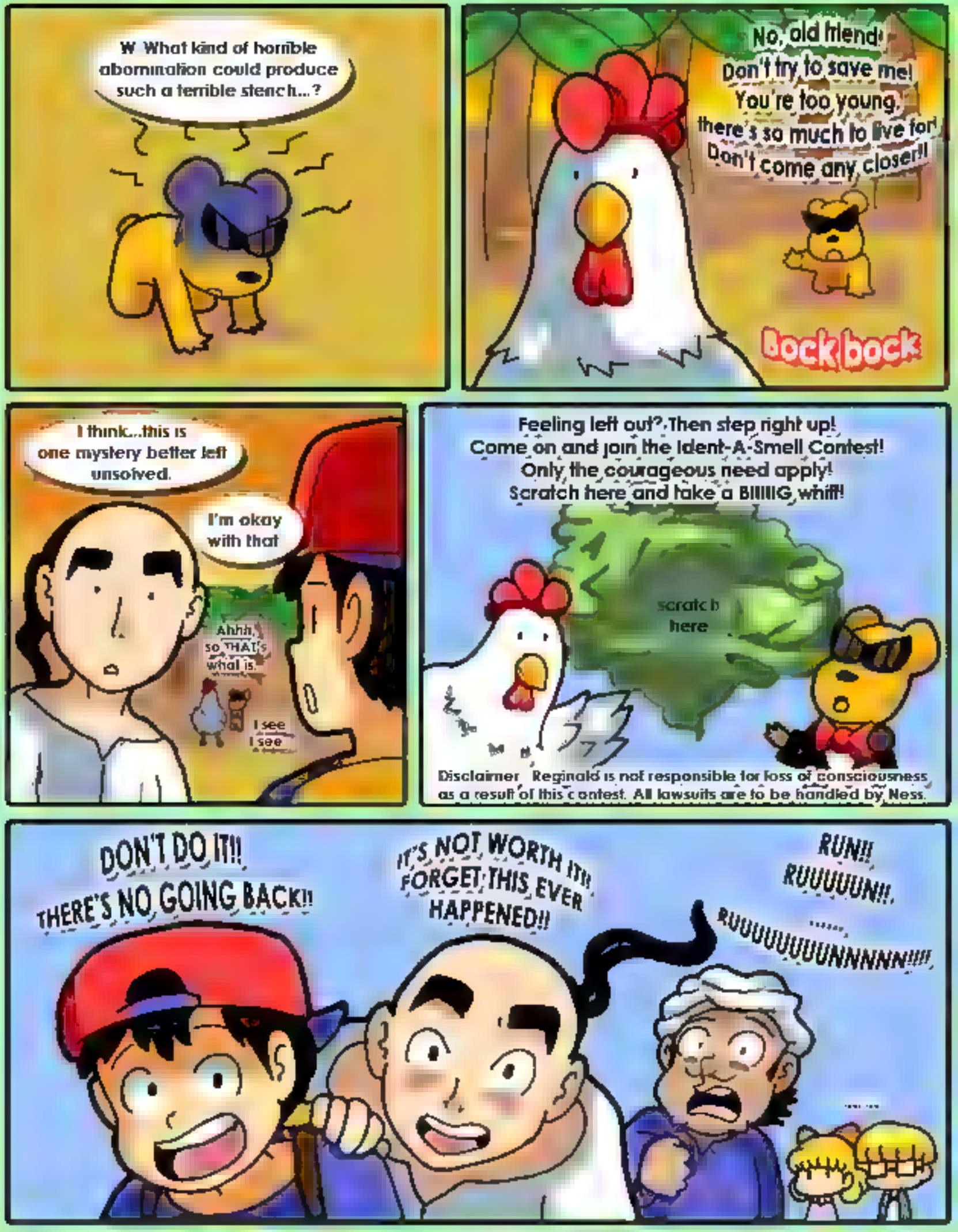

Hmph, I thought this kid would be an easy mark, but I'm getting no reaction.
~stare~
HEY!! You get away from him!! I warned you not to do anything funny while I was gone!
...Busted.
Paula!! Boy, am I glad you don't have a mustache!
Of course not, silly!
I just stepped out to get healing supplies!
Oof... My head.. Where am I...?
Hey, kid. You just arrived in the land.... of SAVINGS.
Allow me to show
You dare to pull a weapon on me?!
FLIP!
WUUUUH!


I guess we made it back safely. I may have been a bit too reckless this time... If Master were here, I would be in a lot of trouble.
POO!! ALRIGHT!! Welcome back!!
Gack! ...M-Master Ness, contain yourself, please!
Poo, I'm so glad you're okay! Only you could take a hit from the Kraken like that!
Ah, I-thanks.
You both were out for a long time. I was really worried...
I cannot help but be a little concerned about Master Ness, though. The psychic power emitting from him is unlike anything I've ever experienced.
Even while unconscious I could tell how destructive his power has become.
Paula's PS is extremely powerful, yet I sense no danger from it. Master Ness however...
Ahhh, what a relief it is to be on land again!
Once Jeff wakes up, let's go exploring!
Ah, uhm, I'm, zzzzz
H-H-He...y kid, ...hurk. H-Half off used sunglasses... Whaddya say...?
...!! ...Who....Wha???

I must have fallen asleep without realizing
We've been moving around constantly,
I almost forgot what it was like to relax.
Ah Ness! Where are the others?
Just in time, Jeff! We were about to head out.
Paula and Poo are outside.
Whew, it's pretty hot, isn't it? Good thing we already had experience with the desert...
The sun is certainly vibrant.
Wow, what is that man doing? He'll get scorched!
Among certain cultures, this form of meditation is for clarity of the mind. The heat acts as a means to burn away all distractions, allowing him access to his innermost thoughts
Amazing, Jeff! You're so smart!!
I wonder what he's thinking?
I-it's so hot...
...water
...Why am I doing this...
water..
..kittens are adorable...
...bacon...
water..
...water...
..Dungeon Man..
..bacon.

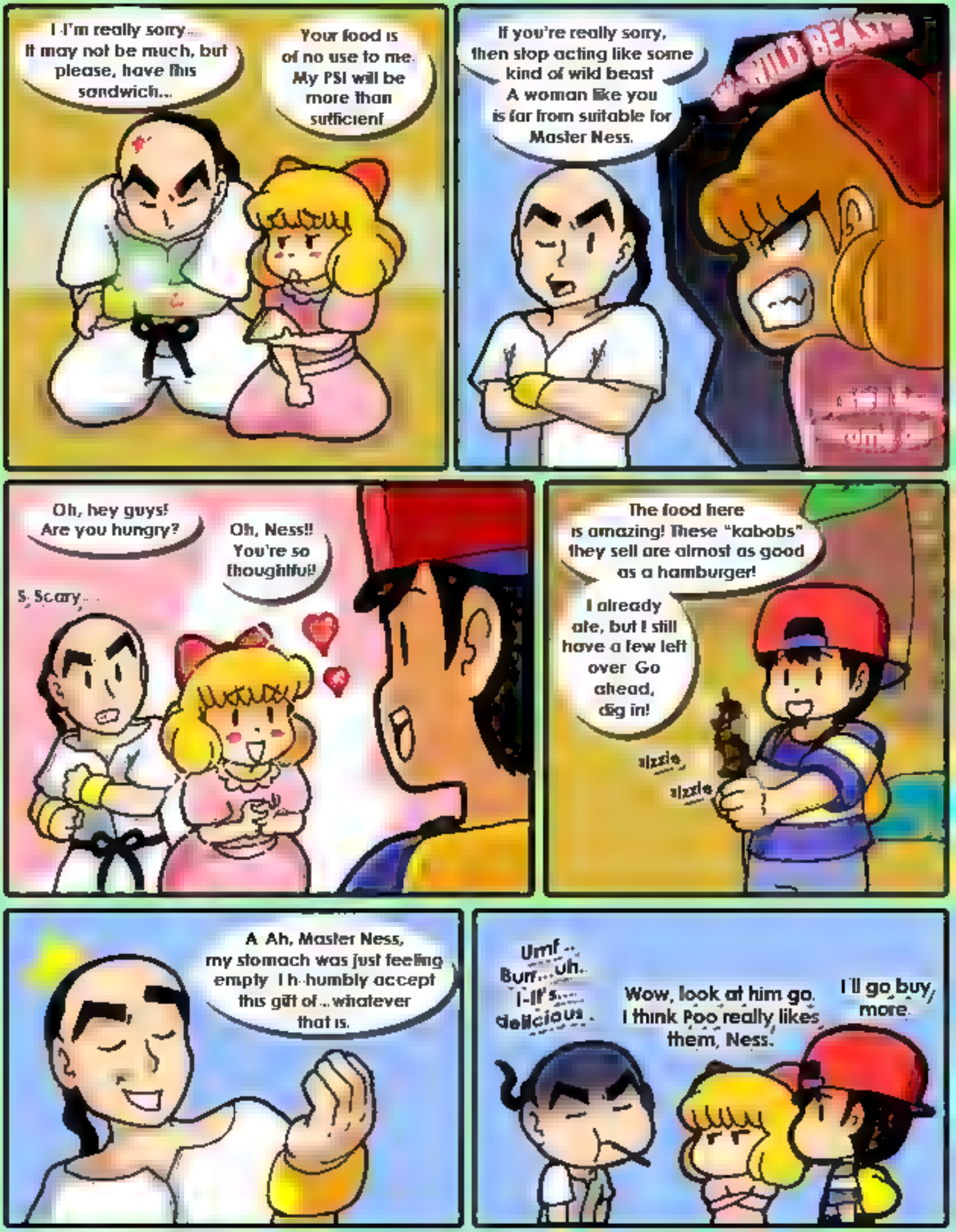
...Perhaps I should take a break.
Hm? Is that...?
Could it be? Is that my dear friend Dungeon Man?
It looks nothing like him, but surely it must be!
W What?? Did he just say "Dungeon Man"?! Unbelievable!
What's a "Dungeon Man"?
Sorry, I'm not Dungeon Man, but I am a friend of his!
Oh? Me too. I take it you're looking for him?
Um ..I'd like to help, but I actually lost the key he gave me.
Let me give you his phone number instead
Oh, I lost that, too. His address, then...
Huh. Gone. How about his fax number...
T That's okay. I'm sure I'll
Ah! My training.. I got rid of all excess thought! I... I don't even remember my name.. !!
CURSE THIS FOOLISH MAAAAAAAN! WHOOOOOOOOOOO AM I?!
If your friend is here, then we'll all help you find him, Jeff!
Paula... Thanks.

I don't see Paula or Jeff around, We must have gone too far
Master Ness, do you smell that.. ?
W- What is that smell...?
...I sense trouble
...I think they headed in this direction
You were right! Look, footprints!
N- Ness...? W- What happened to your face?
S- Stay back.
P- Paula...
I- It's... terrible.
OUTTA THE WAY!! I smell a major discovery ahead!
Oh! Reginald! You're still alive!
AGGGHHHH!! I immediately regret this decision!!!
What did you hope to accomplish?

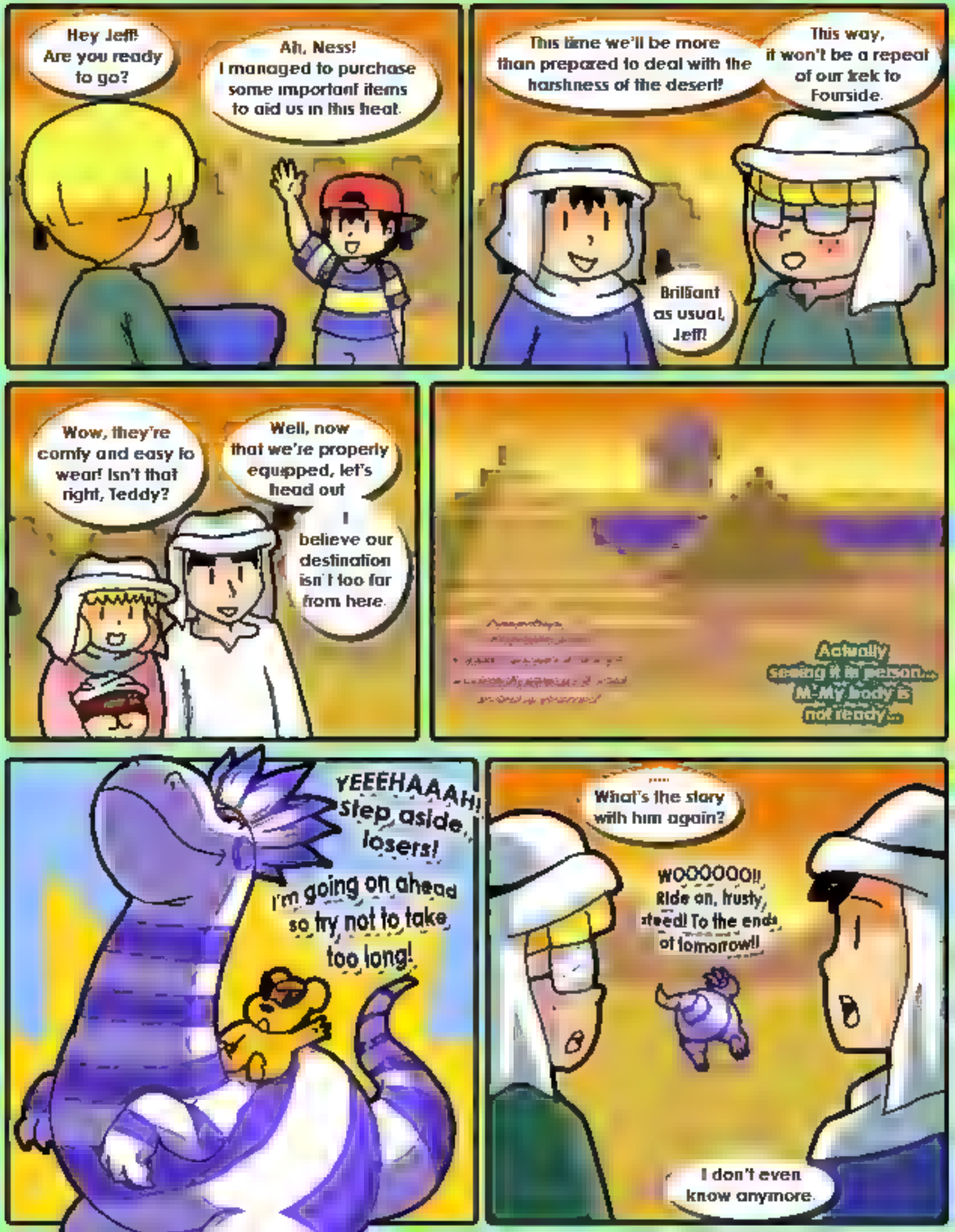

W What kind of horrible abomination could produce such a terrible stench...?
No, old friend! Don't try to save me! You're too young, there's so much to live for! Don't come any closer!!
Bock bock
I think...this is one mystery better left unsolved.
I'm okay with that
Ahhh, so THAT's what is.
I see I see
Feeling left out? Then step right up! Come on and join the Ident-A-Smell Contest! Only the courageous need apply! Scratch here and take a BIIIIG whiff!
scratch here
Disclaimer Reginald is not responsible for loss of consciousness as a result of this contest. All lawsuits are to be handled by Ness.
DON'T DO IT!! THERE'S NO GOING BACK!!
IT'S NOT WORTH IT!! FORGET THIS EVER HAPPENED!!
RUN!! RUUUUUN!! ..... RUUUUUUUUNNNNN!!!!!

Unbelievable... The smell won't go away! It's so obnoxious, I can't help but somehow find it disturbingly familiar...
Woooo, Neeess~ I'll haunt you foreveeeer~
Wooooo~ Hey, remember Ecto Cooooooler?~ That stuff was the bee's kneeeees~
Lucky us!! The market place is starting to open up! Only the item shop was open last time I checked!
I guess we should stock up on supplies.
Hissssss, Red Snake's is now open for businesssss!
Your one stop shop for asssssspiring snake charmersssss!
HISSSSSS~
Looking to protect age old artifacts? Want to keep heroes away from that captured princesssssss? Purchase our lethal viper combo pack today!
I-Is this even legal...?
Hey, Beardsworth! Your merchandise is trying to eat me. That means I get it for free, right?
You break it, you buy it, sir

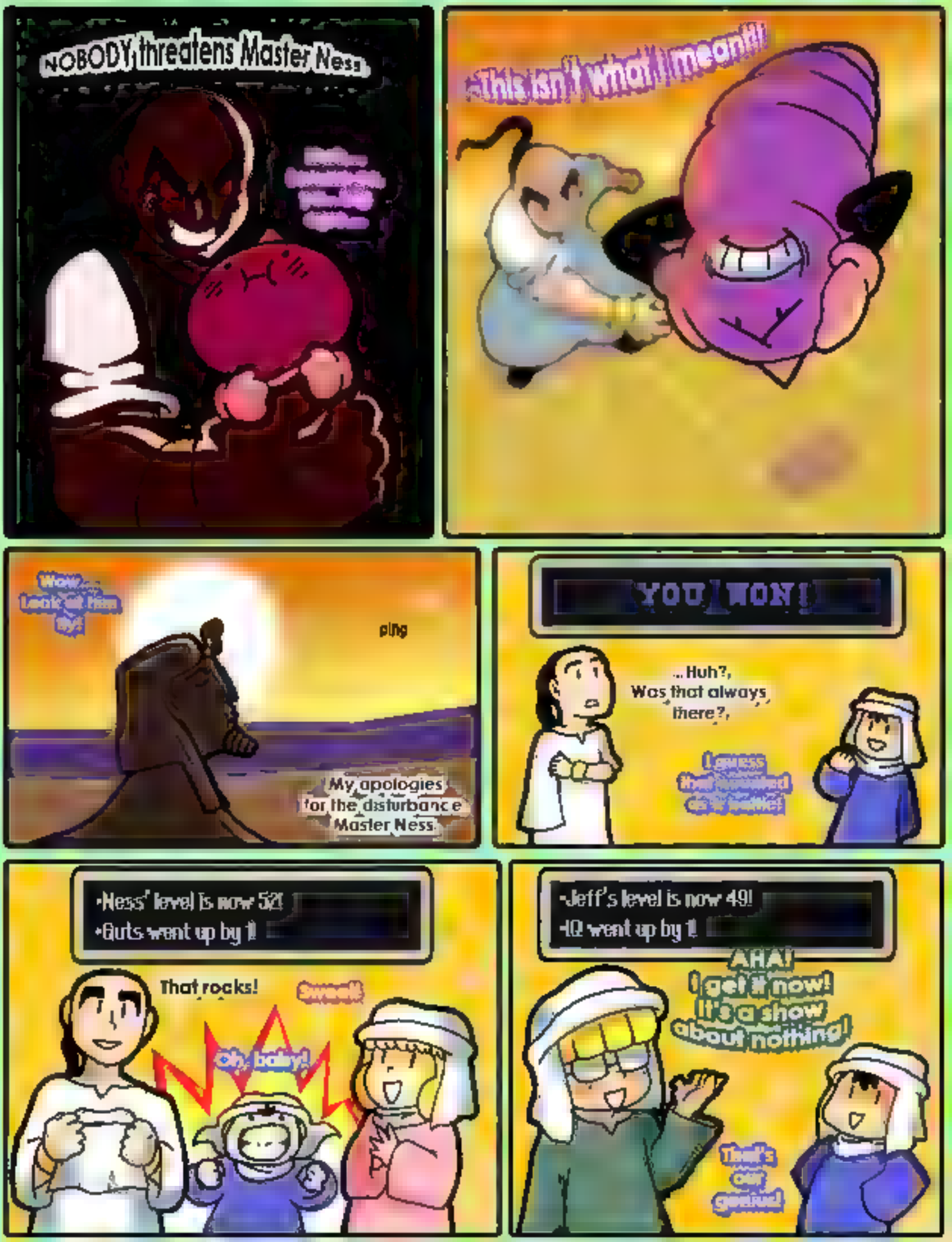
Kisssss of Fire! Armpit hair fertilizer! YESSSSS! Red Snake's sack holds many, wondersssss!
K-Kisses? Oh boy!!
My armpit hair needs are finally met!
"Piggy Nose," huh? I have no use for this.
Sir, did I mention they're all the rage with young girls these days?
...Very well. I will take it.
Paula seems to really like pink things. I guess if we are to be friends, I should formally offer a gift of friendship.
Hm?
Here, Paula
A gift. It reminded me of you.
Lookin' good, chuba! I always thought you were a pig, but now it's official! Paula Pigstar!
C'mon, give us an "OINK" Let that inner piggy SOAR!
...I'LL LET SOMETHING SOAR, ALRIGHT!!
Huh??
W-What're you-?
Oh, the humanity!! That poor man is being beaten by a wild pig!!
Wild pig?? ...P Pokey?!
Aunt Margaret?!
Ganan?!


I-I'm really sorry... It may not be much, but please, have this sandwich...
Your food is of no use to me. My PSI will be more than sufficient
If you're really sorry, then stop acting like some kind of wild beast A woman like you is far from suitable for Master Ness.
WILD BEAST
Oh, hey guys! Are you hungry?
Oh, Ness!! You're so thoughtful!
S, Scary...
The food here is amazing! These "kabobs" they sell are almost as good as a hamburger!
I already ate, but I still have a few left over Go ahead, dig in!
sizzle
sizzle
A Ah, Master Ness, my stomach was just feeling empty I h-humbly accept this gift of ...whatever that is.
Umf... Burr... uh. I-It's... delicious.
Wow, look at him go. I think Poo really likes them, Ness.
I'll go buy more.

Only $98? Mar what a bargain!
Nya ha ha ha ha! Pleasure doing business with you!
Tch... He has gone too far I've already lowered the prices of snakesss and vipersss to a couple hundred but now he's selling full bags for that low? At this rate...
Are you okay, sir?
War has changed.
C-Come again...
My brother... He's been challenging me for the title of "Big Boss" for agessss. Now he's trying to undercut my businesssss.
Nyohohoho!! Brooother! You're no match for my locks! I am the superior snake!!
Will you put a shirt on already?!
Come for our revised sales
Thank you, but do not worry. This war is not over.
I will remain as the Big Boss of businesssss. Have something my brother will always need.
R-Red. It h-happened again... P-Please... s-serum...
Y-You old s-snake.
$50,000 dollarsss.
Ah


Hey Jeff! Are you ready to go?
Ah, Ness! I managed to purchase some important items to aid us in this heat.
This time we'll be more than prepared to deal with the harshness of the desert!
This way, it won't be a repeat of our trek to Fourside.
Brilliant as usual, Jeff!
Wow, they're comfy and easy to wear! Isn't that right, Teddy?
Well, now that we're properly equipped, let's head out
I believe our destination isn't too far from here.
Actually seeing it in person... M-My body is not ready...
YEEEHAAAH! Step aside, losers!
I'm going on ahead so try not to take too long!
.....
What's the story with him again?
WOOOOOO!! Ride on, trusty steed! To the ends of tomorrow!!
I don't even know anymore.

Whew...
The sun here sure
Dusty Dunes was bad, but this is in a whole other league.
The heat is only half of our problems, sadly. The locals said this place is crawling with deadly creatures.
Careful where you guys step.
OI, YOUSE GUYS! GET READY FER A RIGHT FIXIN'!
Walkin' on my turf, eh?! I'll box yer ears!
crack
crack

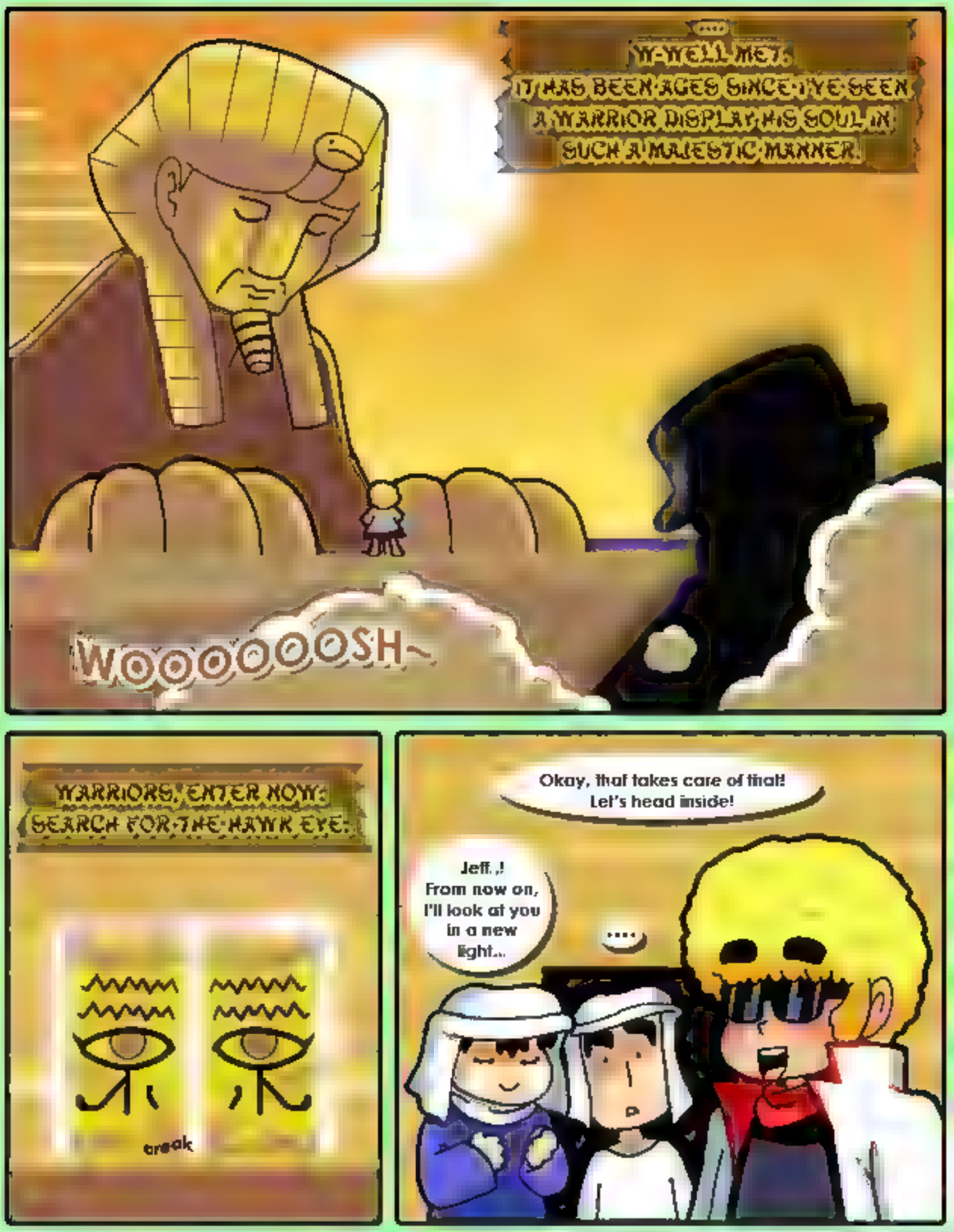

NOBODY threatens Master Ness
This isn't what I meant!!
Wow... Look at him fly!
ping
My apologies for the disturbance Master Ness.
YOU WON!
...Huh?, Was that always there?,
I guess that wanted as a battle!
•Ness' level is now 52!
•Guts went up by 1!
That rocks!
Sweet!
Oh, baby!
•Jeff's level is now 49!
•IQ went up by 1!
AHA! I get it now! It's a show about nothing!
That's our genius!

It appears so. However we cannot pass just yet
Yes, this is known as the "Sphinx." It is the guardian of this fortress
ARE YOU A THIEF, A WARRIOR, OR ONE WHO HAS COME TO SEE MY MAJESTY?
YOU MUST DECIDE WHAT YOU REALLY ARE. THEREFORE, WHAT WILL YOU DO?
"Dance in front of the Sphinx." What?
This is it, Tony... I guess all of that training wasn't wasted.
Stand back, Ness! This... is my time to shine!

GREAT!!
PERFECT!!

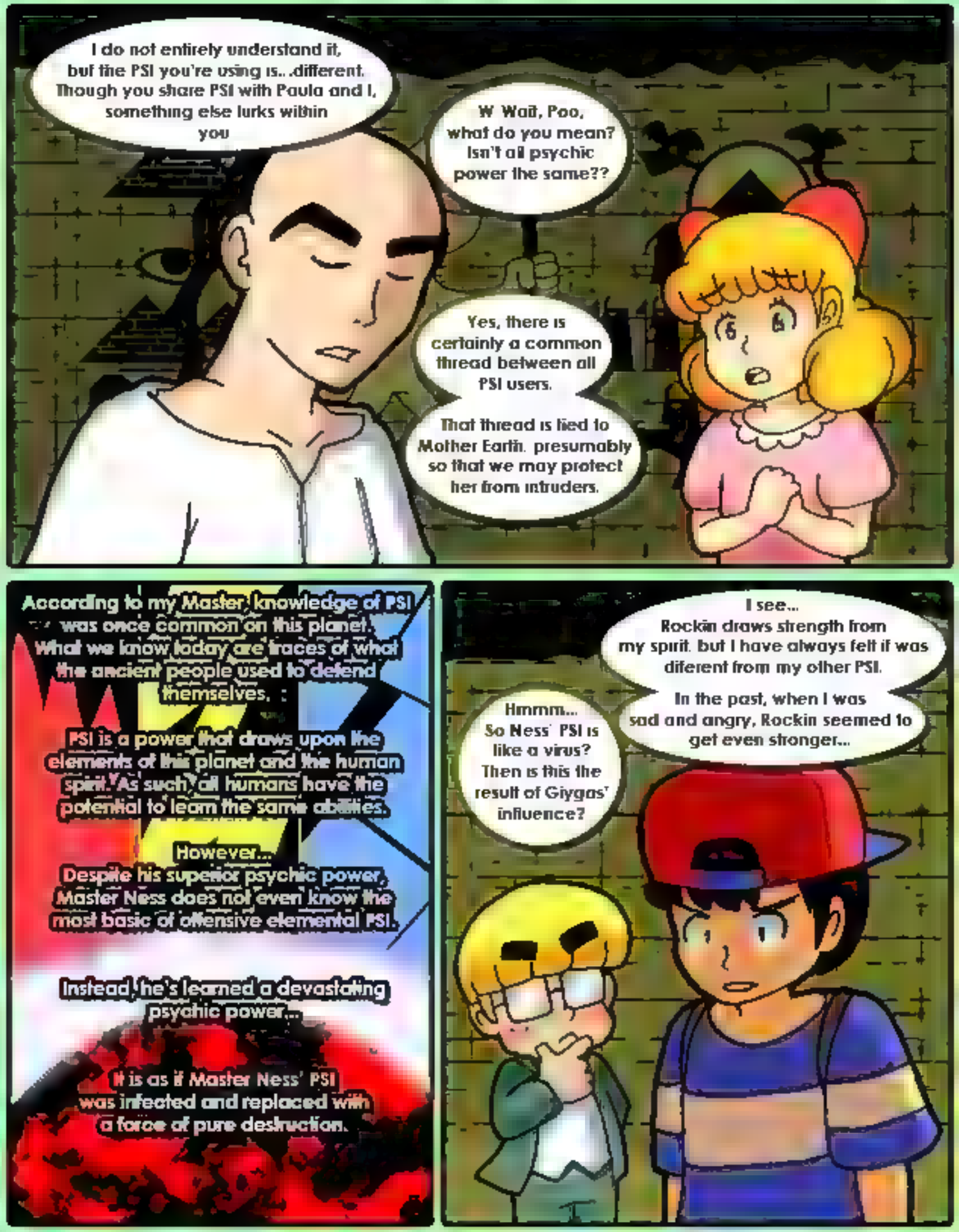
THESE LEGENDARY MOVEMENTS...!
THAT IMPECCABLE STYLE!
HIS POWER LEVELS ARE AT
MAX FUNK!
HYAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!!!
IF A MAN DANCES HARD ENOUGH.....
H-HE'S RAM RAISIN THE ROOF!!

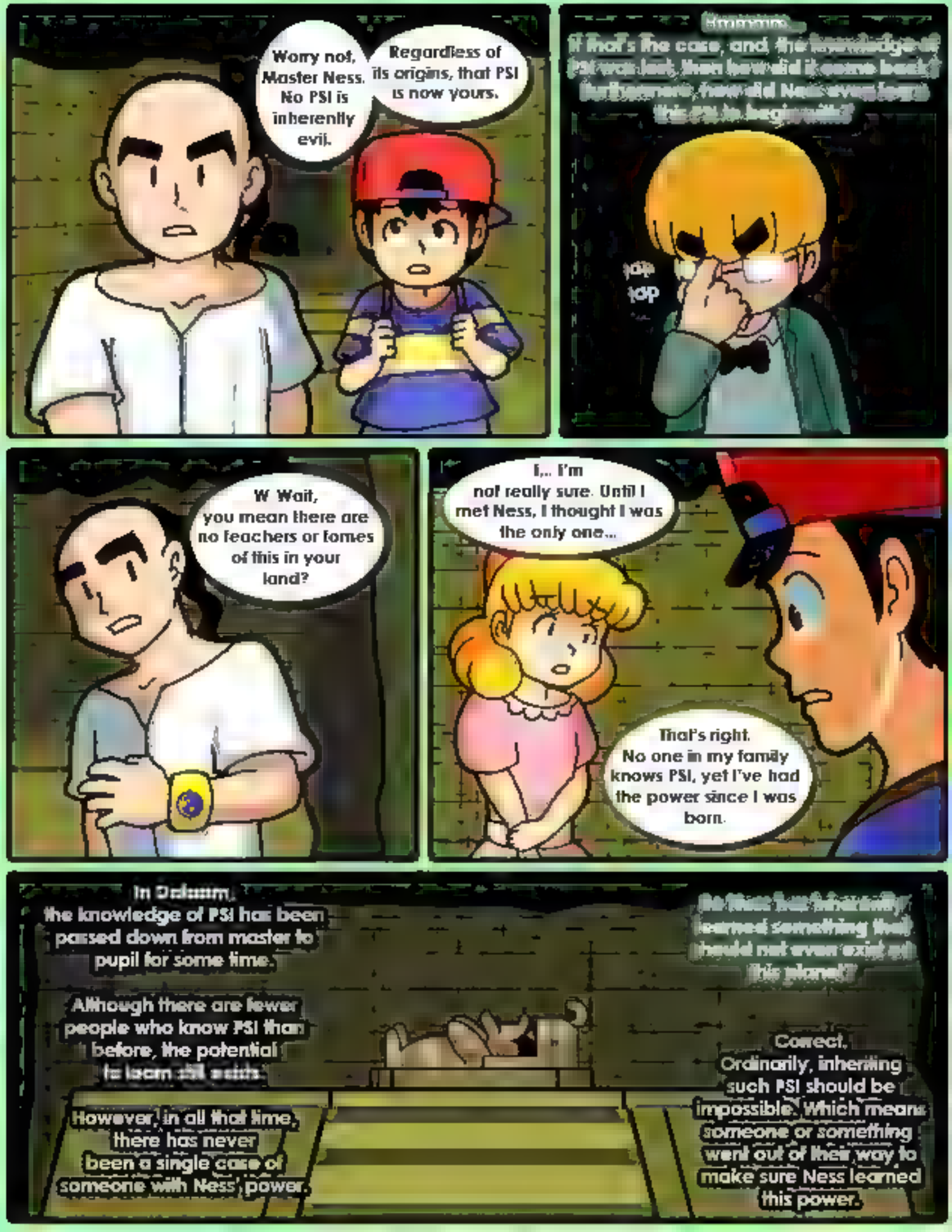
BOOOOM!!!
HE CAN DISCO ANYWHERE!!!

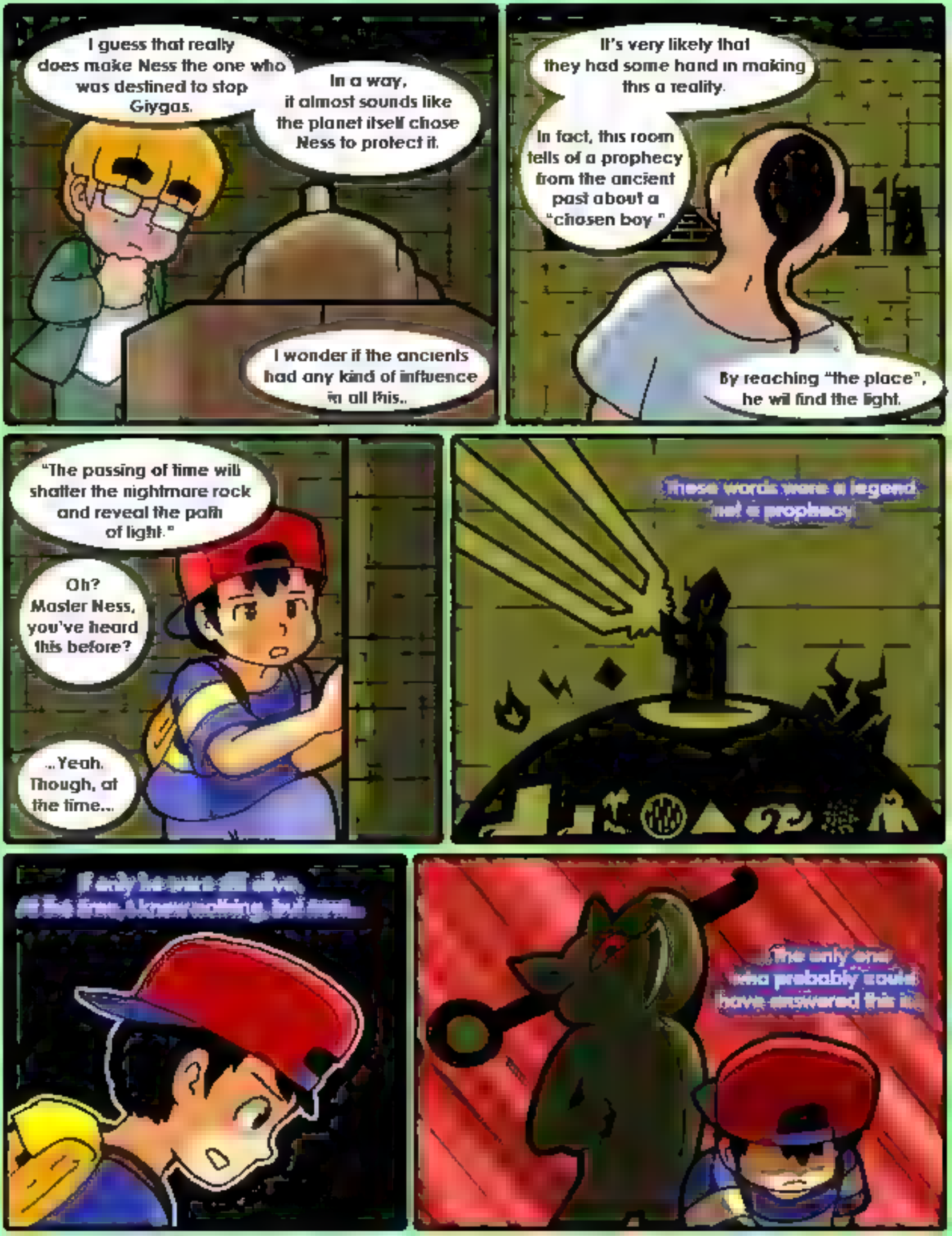

....
YY-YELL MET.
IT HAS BEEN AGES SINCE I'VE SEEN A WARRIOR DISPLAY HIS SOUL IN SUCH A MAJESTIC MANNER.
WOOOOOOSH~
WARRIORS, ENTER NOW!
SEARCH FOR THE HAWK EYE!
creak
Okay, that takes care of that! Let's head inside!
Jeff..! From now on, I'll look at you in a new light...
....

Heh heh heh...
Perfect.
This will bring back the fondest of memories.
I'm sure Pokey couldn't get in, but what about Giygas?
If Giygas' influence can reach all that rest in this pyramid... we're in trouble.
N Ness. In Threed.., the zombies were...
...Yeah. They were all revived by Giygas.
The attack in Summers was only the beginning. Apparently getting the Hawk eye is of utmost importance.
I think it's safe to say that we'll have to expect the worst
And...as a warrior, I can't stand by and let this place be defiled.
Out of respect, I'll put every single guardian back to sleep. Permanently

Oh my... this is phenomenal!
Poo, what do you think? Can you translate them?
...Poo?
Master Ness, I...
I want you to take a look at this.
T-These hieroglyphics were created to tell a story. A warning to others, I suppose.
They speak of the attack on this very pyramid by the invading army. On that day, the enemy used a terrifying power. One that is not of this earth...
Master Ness...
I-It's the same. Your PSI is also...
...not of this earth.


I do not entirely understand it, but the PSI you're using is...different. Though you share PSI with Paula and I, something else lurks within you
W Wait, Poo, what do you mean? Isn't all psychic power the same??
Yes, there is certainly a common thread between all PSI users.
That thread is tied to Mother Earth, presumably so that we may protect her from intruders.
According to my Master, knowledge of PSI was once common on this planet. What we know today are traces of what the ancient people used to defend themselves.
PSI is a power that draws upon the elements of this planet and the human spirit. As such, all humans have the potential to learn the same abilities.
However...
Despite his superior psychic power, Master Ness does not even know the most basic of offensive elemental PSI.
Instead, he's learned a devastating psychic power...
It is as if Master Ness' PSI was infected and replaced with a force of pure destruction.
I see...
Rockin draws strength from my spirit, but I have always felt if was diferent from my other PSI.
In the past, when I was sad and angry, Rockin seemed to get even stronger...
Hmmm... So Ness' PSI is like a virus? Then is this the result of Giygas' influence?


Worry not, Master Ness. No PSI is inherently evil.
Regardless of its origins, that PSI is now yours.
Hmmmm...
If that's the case, and the knowledge of PSI was lost, then how did it come back? Furthermore, how did Ness even learn this PSI in the first place?
tap tap
W Wait, you mean there are no teachers or tomes of this in your land?
I... I'm not really sure. Until I met Ness, I thought I was the only one...
That's right. No one in my family knows PSI, yet I've had the power since I was born.
In Dalaam, the knowledge of PSI has been passed down from master to pupil for some time.
Although there are fewer people who know PSI than before, the potential to learn still exists.
However, in all that time, there has never been a single case of someone with Ness' power.
So Ness has inherently learned something that should not even exist on this planet?
Correct. Ordinarily, inheriting such PSI should be impossible. Which means someone or something went out of their way to make sure Ness learned this power.


I guess that really does make Ness the one who was destined to stop Giygas.
In a way, it almost sounds like the planet itself chose Ness to protect it.
I wonder if the ancients had any kind of influence in all this..
It's very likely that they had some hand in making this a reality.
In fact, this room tells of a prophecy from the ancient past about a "chosen boy."
By reaching "the place", he wil find the light.
"The passing of time will shatter the nightmare rock and reveal the path of light."
Oh? Master Ness, you've heard this before?
...Yeah. Though, at the time...
These words were a legend, not a prophecy.
The only one who probably could have answered this is

N-NESS!!
Behind you!!
PSI FREEZE!!
N No way..!
The hieroglyph came to life??
clink
Huh
I guess someone didn't like the conversation we were having.
Judging by the sudden warm reception, I'm going to assume we just entered a very important room.

Perhaps carrying this power is a burden that only the true chosen one must overcome. However, I won't let him struggle alone, I was sent here to protect Master Ness, and no matter what...
PSI FREEZE
I will follow him to the bitter end!
-The Guardian Hieroglyph was defeated!
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Hyaaa! Bring it oooon!!
Step aside, small fry!
Nothing can stop us!

Oh, hey, no, that's cool. Let's all shout heroic things and beat up on a helpless spider.
Did you even stop to think that YOU bumped into ME and started this mess??
I guess you were too busy smacking babies around to notice your mistake. You people make me sick!
cough *cough*
Wow, were the enemies always this easy? We barely got started!
It's strange, isn't it? Why send just these weaklings after us?
Maybe this wasn't the real thing
I agree. That didn't seem as if it were some sort of calculated battle. ..Not that our enemies are especially clever
Which means this foreboding set of steps leading further down suddenly seems a whole lot less inviting.
Right. I have a feeling we'll be returning here, but for now...
CREAK
~UWOOOOOOOOO
...We'll have to take our chances with whatever's lurking down there.

Is this really the right way? It kind of feels like we're walking into something dangerous.
Maybe we should head back.
~GRAAAOOOOOOO
I-I'm beginning to think that isn't an option,
Then I guess I just have to make it an option!
stand back, guys!
OOOOOH! D-DEMON!!!
GRAAAAHHHH!!
BUUUUURNS!!
D-Demon?! I'll show you...
PSI FIRE! PSI FIRE! PSI FIREEEEEE!!!

BWOOOOOOOOOOSH
W What...
YOU...
DO NOT BELONG HERE.
I MUST ERASE YOU FROM THIS WORLD.
BOOOOOM

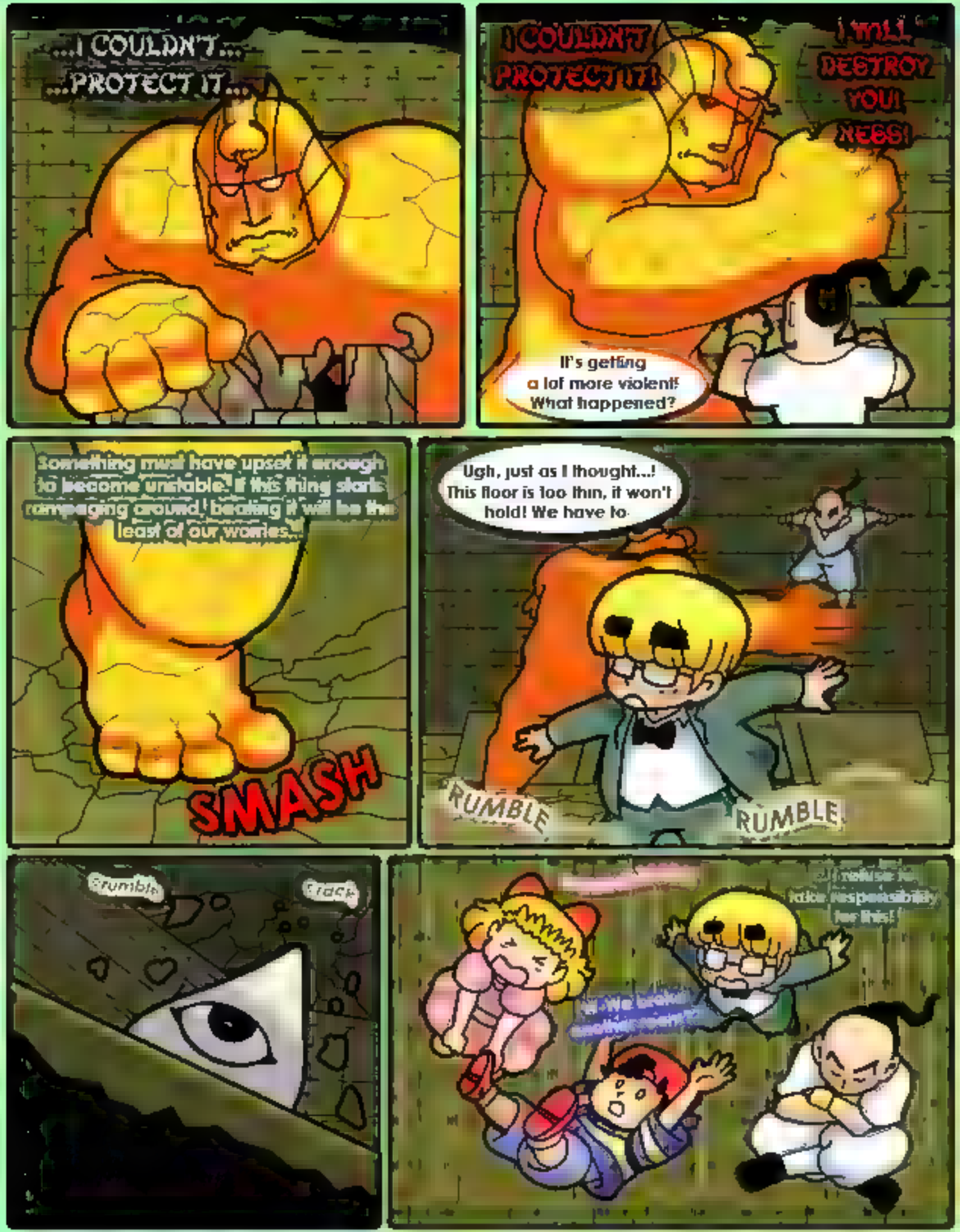
WHAAAM!
A-Ahh
Master Ness, attend to Paula! I'll draw its attention!
SWAAAAM!
Whew, you're okay! That was really close...
Y Yeah... It just walked through my PSI like it was nothing...
THAT WAS... UNWISE...
Tch. . No reaction. It's like charging a brick wall.
YOU ARE JUST WASTING YOUR TIME.
BWOOOOM!
YOUR STRUGGLE IS FUTILE.

"Futile", huh? Hah! You're all talk! Compared to a Kraken, you're nothing!
Now get ready, here comes roun
UUUWAAAAR
GRUUUUSH!
Let's try a different approach! Paula, try to slow it down any way you can!
Gotcha! Okay, let's see how it likes some of this!
PSI
PSI
PARALYSIS!
FREEZE!
SMAAAASH!
W WAH! It had no effect!
N Not good...! If this keeps up...
It'll become our tomb as well.
rumble
rumble
rumble

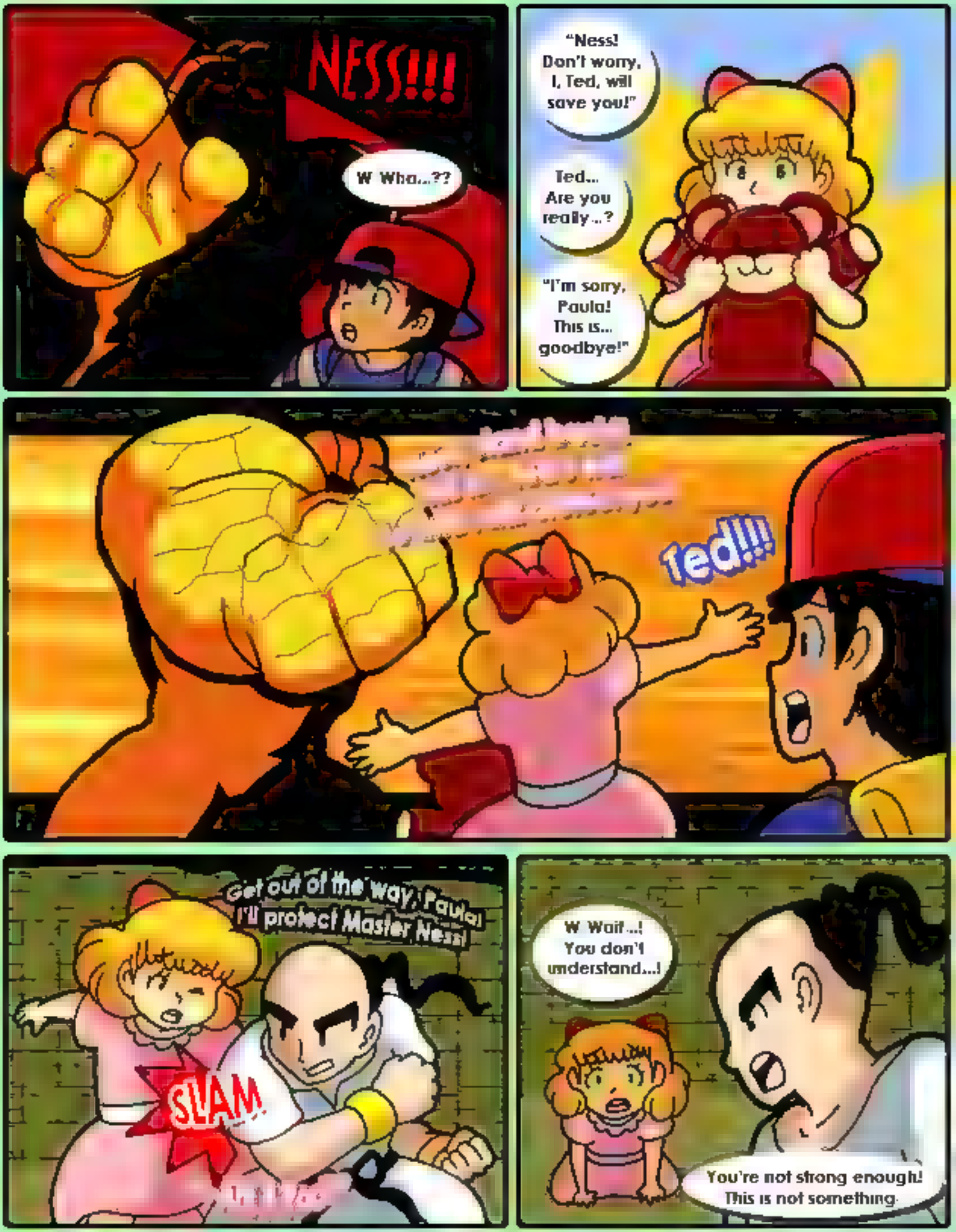
I'll draw its attention. Jeff, you use your explosive powers!
BO
OOOOOOM
SMAAAAAAAASH
That should do it! Now hurry, we have to get back to the steps before this area collapses!
Whaaaaa!! THAT was your plan?!
huff huff
Y You...!! W Warn me first!!
Hang in there, Jeff!
Whew, we made it. I know it was reckless, but that should buy us some time.
swoooosh
SMAAAAAAAASH

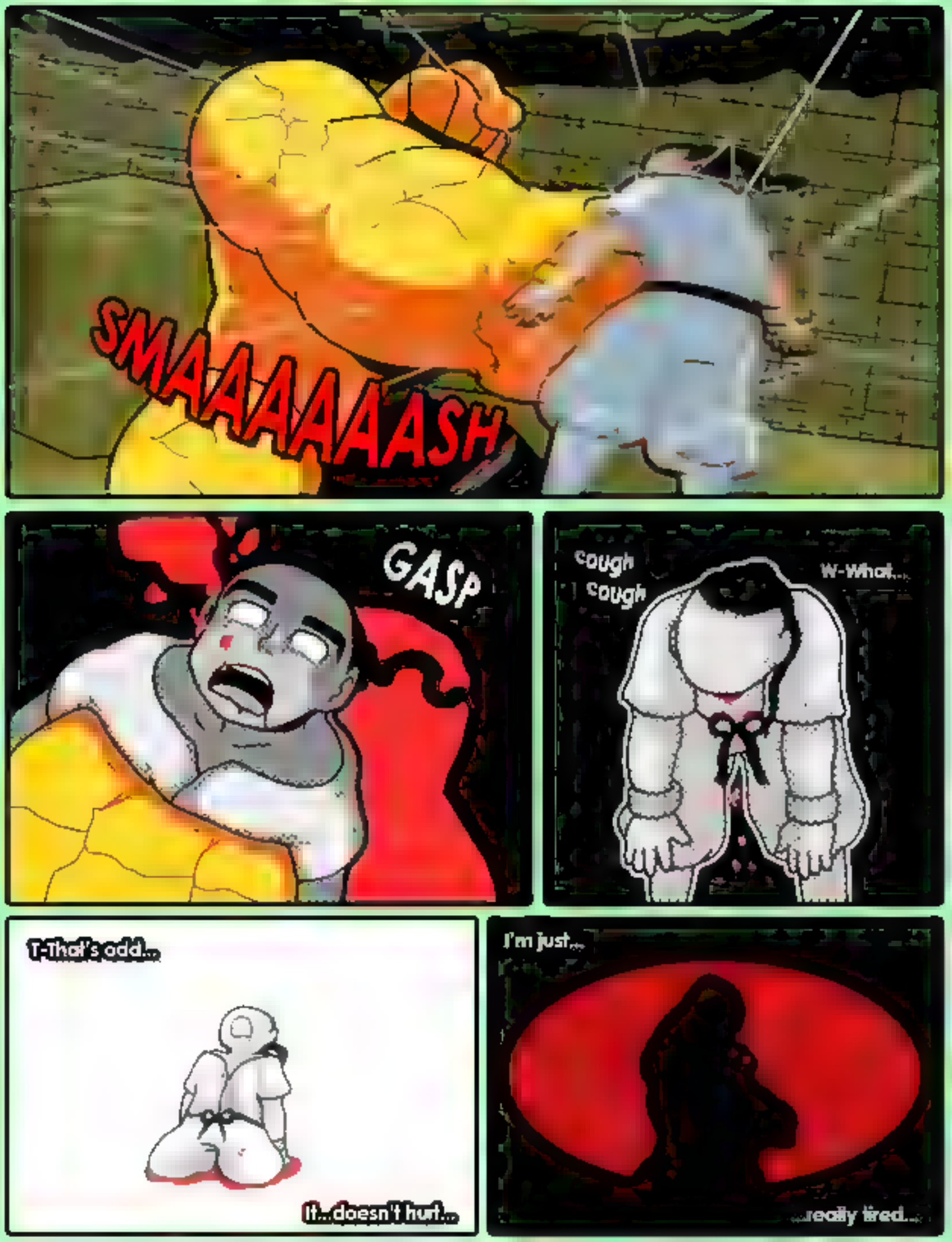
IF YOU THINK THAT WILL BE ENOUGH TO HARM ME--
...NO MATTER.
..HM? MY ARM.
Let's hope it stays down for the count. That giant seems to be impervious to PSI and too dense to attack physically.
CRACKLE
I WILL BURY YOU ALONG WITH THIS PYRAMID IF I MUST.

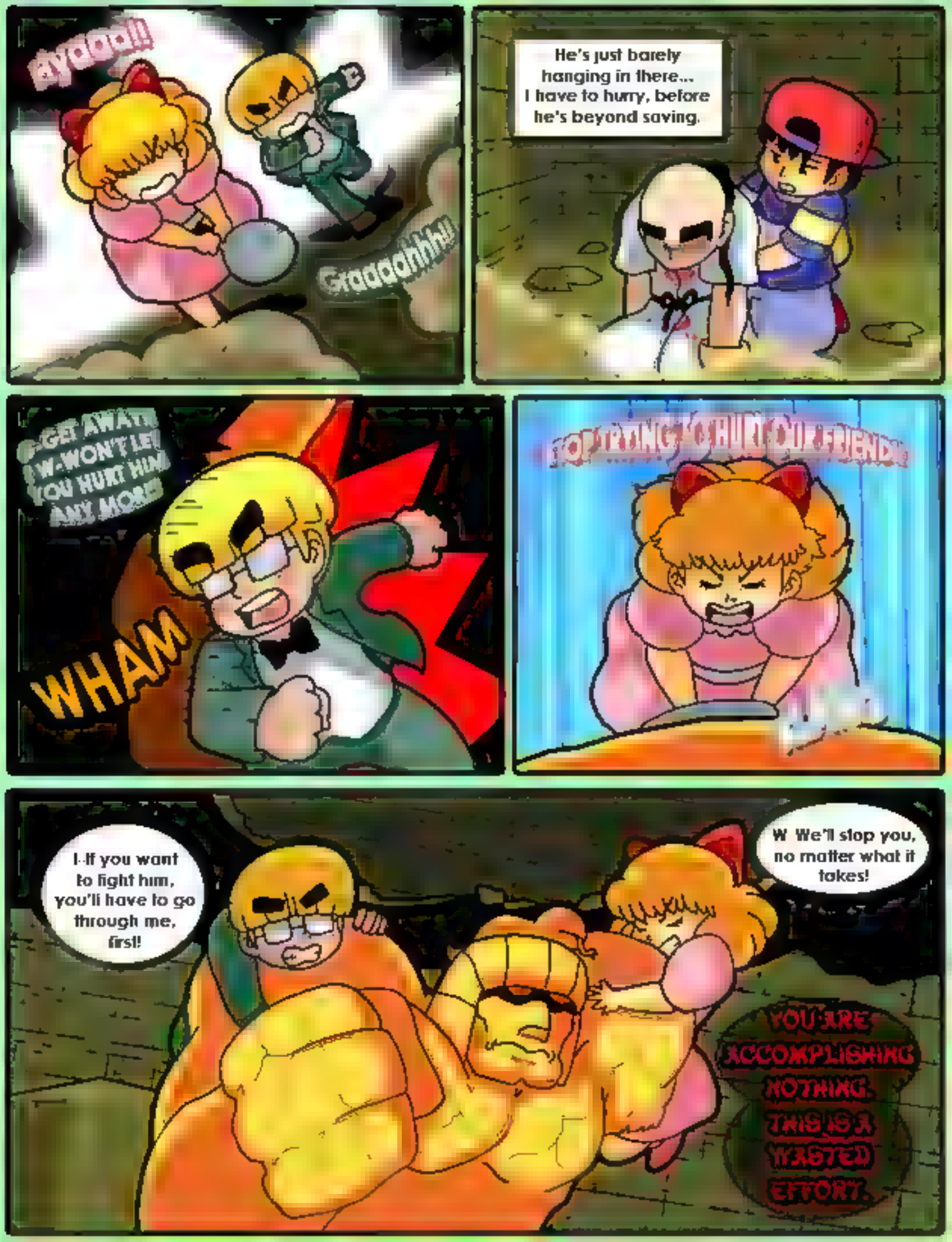
I didn't want to resort to this, but...if I hold back a little, it should be okay!
USELESS.
THAT WILL NO LONGER
CRACK
N-NO...
T-THAT WAS...
I...
...You are the last hope of this plac
CRUSH IT
DESTROY NESS
NESS
NESS
NESS
Although our
you will protect this place
THEY MUST DIE
DO NOT LET THEM
GET THE HAWK EYE
you have a
ardian General...
I...REMEMBER...
PROTECT IT... I WILL...

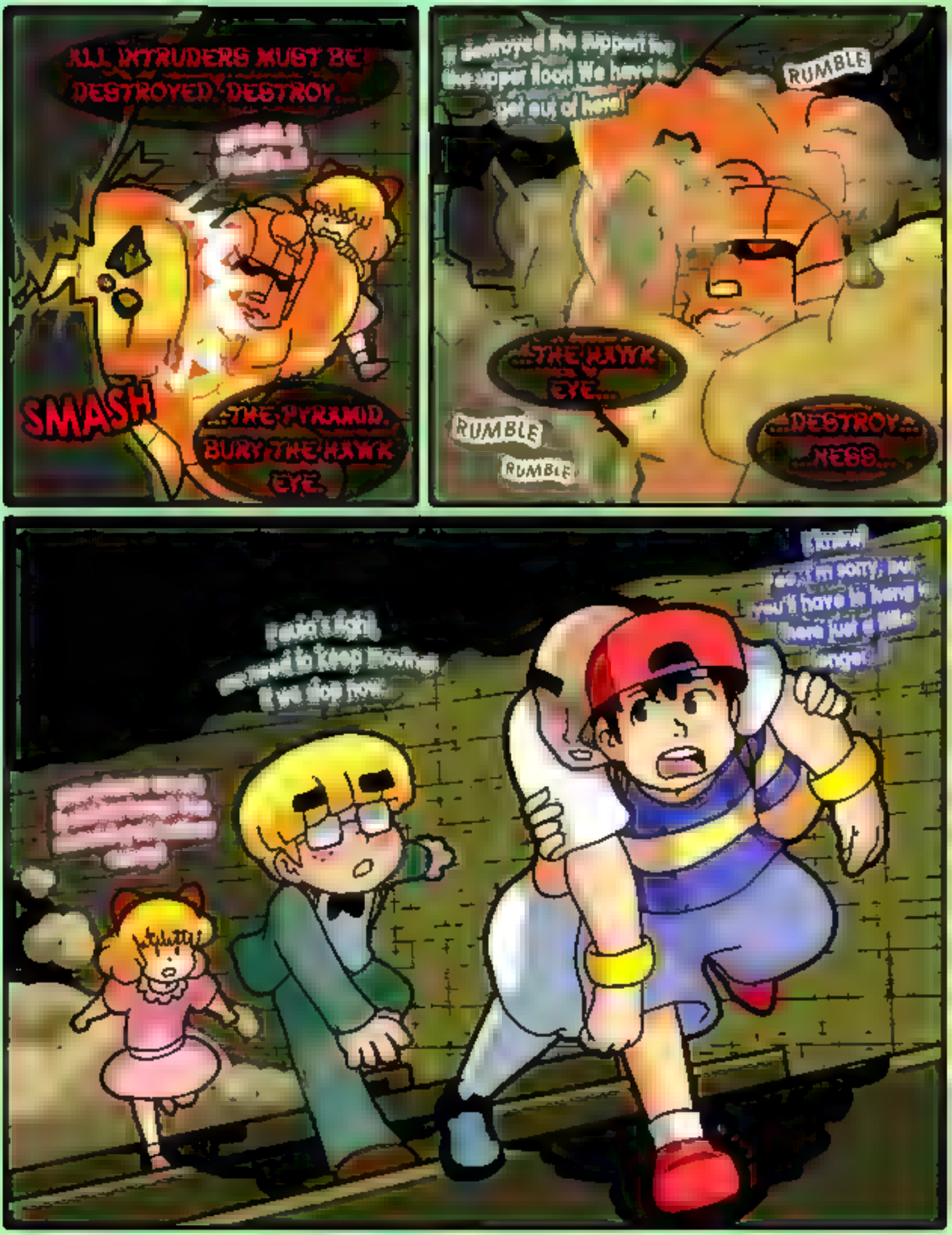

...I COULDN'T...
...PROTECT IT...
I COULDN'T PROTECT IT!
I WILL DESTROY YOU! NEGS!
It's getting a lot more violent! What happened?
Something must have upset it enough to become unstable. If this thing starts rampaging around, beating it will be the least of our worries...
SMASH
Ugh, just as I thought...! This floor is too thin, it won't hold! We have to
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
rumble
crack
I refuse to take responsibility for this!

CRASH
cracks
cracking
P-please..
No more falling from high places...
Well...
we found another way down, at least....
Solid ground!! Thank goodness!
Hm...So, this is it.
The Hawk eye was hidden right below us.
Now all we have to do is find a way out
That golem may not stay down for long
We should go.
What a shame...
Imagine what we could do with something like that on our side.
Unfortunately, I don't think that's possible. Even if if weren't going beserk, it would never leave this place.
Hmmm.
Looks busted.
Well, at least we re in the clear! Let's get out of here guys!

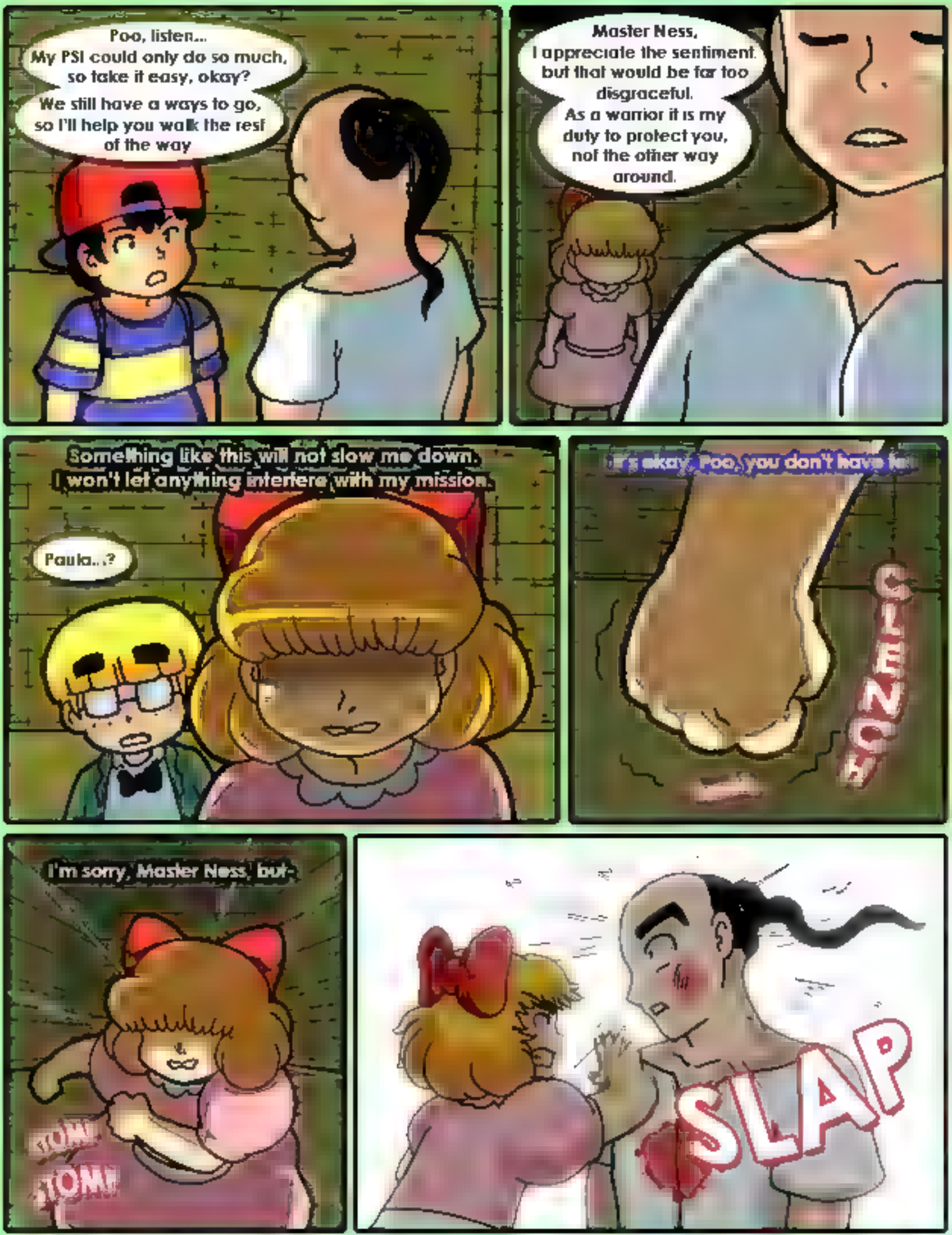

NESS!!!
W Wha...??
"Ness! Don't worry, I, Ted, will save you!"
Ted... Are you really...?
"I'm sorry, Paula! This is... goodbye!"
Ted!!!
Get out of the way, Paula! I'll protect Master Ness!
SLAM
W Wait...! You don't understand...!
You're not strong enough! This is not something


SMAAAAAASH
GASP
cough
cough
W-What...
T-That's odd...
It...doesn't hurt...
I'm just...
...really tired...

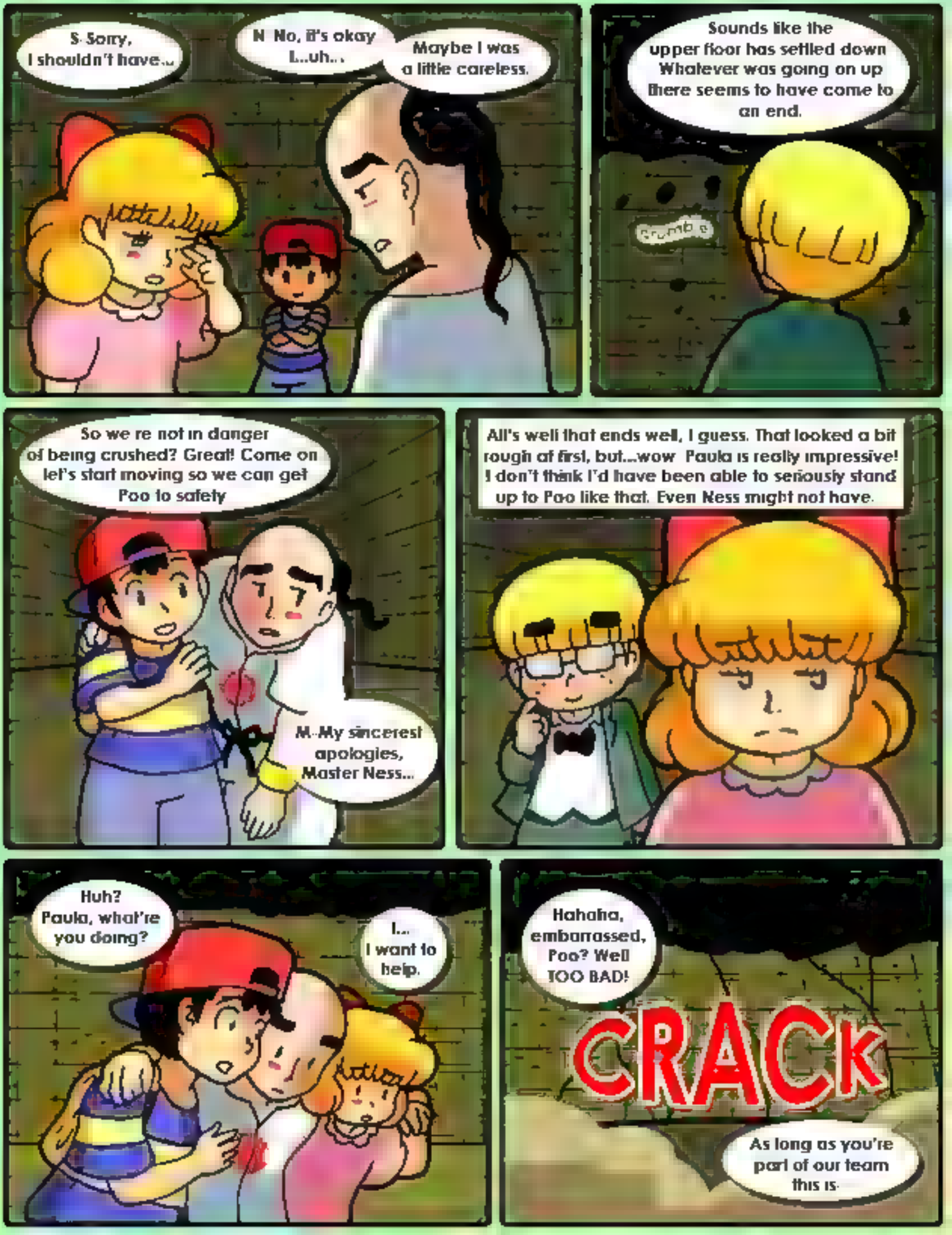

Eyaaa!!
Graaaahhh!
He's just barely hanging in there... I have to hurry, before he's beyond saving.
GET AWAY
W-WON'T LE
YOU HURT HIM
ANY MORE
WHAM
STOP TRYING TO HURT OUR FRIEND
I-If you want to fight him, you'll have to go through me, first!
W We'll stop you, no matter what it takes!
YOU ARE ACCOMPLISHING NOTHING. THIS IS A WASTED EFFORT.


ALL INTRUDERS MUST BE DESTROYED. DESTROY...
SMASH
...THE PYRAMID. BURY THE HAWK EYE.
RUMBLE
...THE HAWK EYE...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
...DESTROY... ...NESS...

Whew..
Despite all of the running and dropping down to another area, it still feels like we're barely out of trouble..
crumble
It sounds like the entire floor was totalled. That must have been one serious load-bearing wall.
That was a close call... If I had waited any longer, my PSI wouldn't be strong enough to save him. I'd be surprised if Poo could even stand after this...
HAAAAAA-AAAAAAH!
cough GASP cough
P-Poo, what're you doing?? The damage you took was way too severe!
Your body still needs time to recover!
I.... I'm...
I must... protect...
M-Master... ...Ness...
Poo? Can you hear me...? Poo! Wake up!
...Ah! Master Ness...!


Poo, listen...
My PSI could only do so much, so take it easy, okay?
We still have a ways to go, so I'll help you walk the rest of the way
Master Ness, I appreciate the sentiment, but that would be far too disgraceful. As a warrior it is my duty to protect you, not the other way around.
Something like this will not slow me down. I won't let anything interfere with my mission.
Paula...?
it's okay, Poo, you don't have to
SILENCE
I'm sorry, Master Ness, but-
TOM
TOM
SLAP

WHAT do you think you're doing?! Are you out of your-
Y-You...!!
YOU ARE SUCH AN IDIOT!!!
Your "mission"?! It's your "mission" to throw your life away?! That's... That's so.. stupid!! Why can't you understand that?!
Uh... I...
After all we've been through...
Do you think that will make anyone happy?!
...


S-Sorry, I shouldn't have...
N-No, it's okay I...uh...
Maybe I was a little careless.
Sounds like the upper floor has settled down Whatever was going on up there seems to have come to an end.
crumb
So we're not in danger of being crushed? Great! Come on let's start moving so we can get Poo to safety
M-My sincerest apologies, Master Ness...
All's well that ends well, I guess. That looked a bit rough at first, but...wow Paula is really impressive! I don't think I'd have been able to seriously stand up to Poo like that. Even Ness might not have.
Huh? Paula, what're you doing?
I... I want to help.
Hahaha, embarrassed, Poo? Well TOO BAD!
CRACk
As long as you're part of our team this is

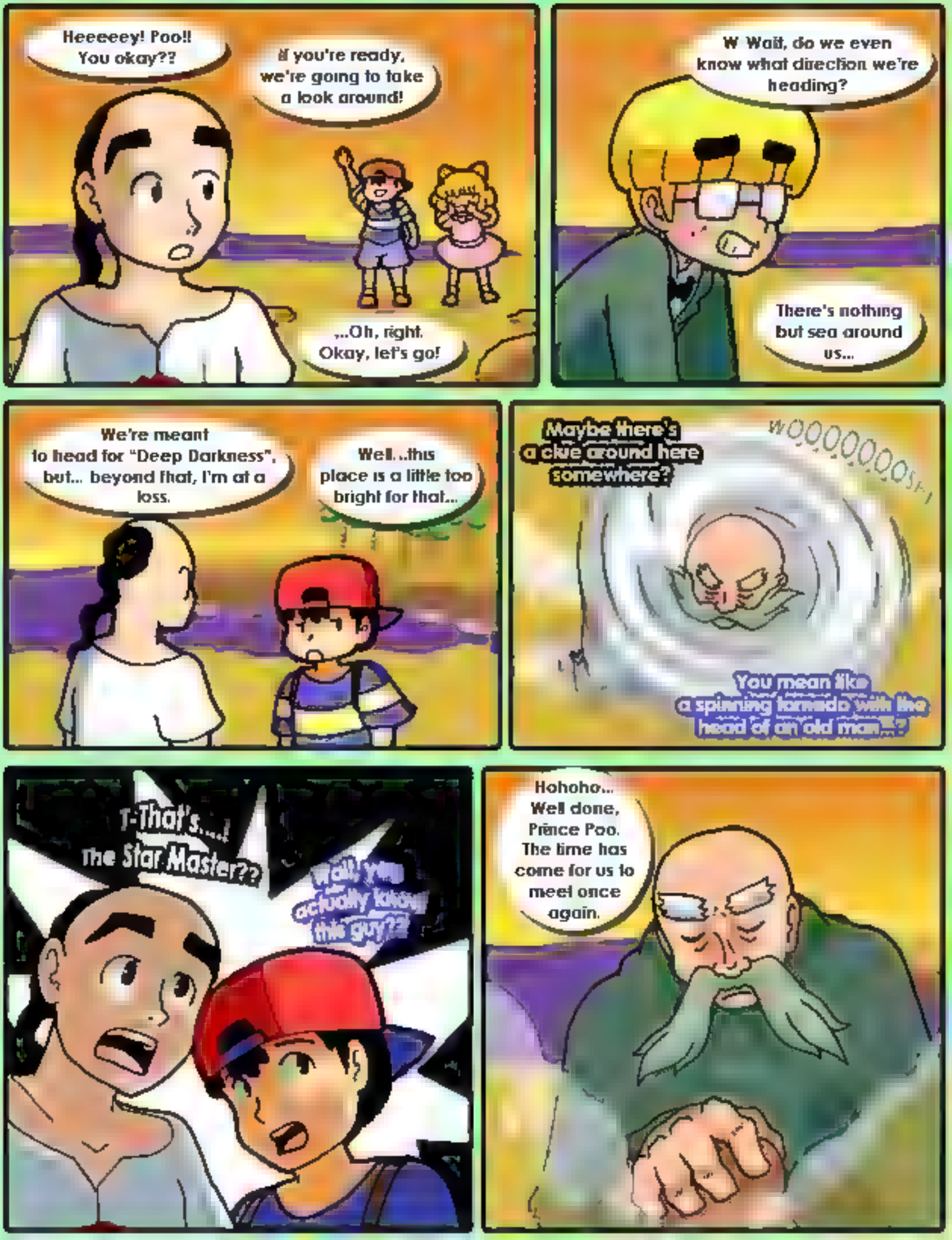
SMAAAAAAAAAAAAASH
W-What?!

O- One step at a time.. We'll make it out, together!
Don't look back, let's just focus on getting out of here!
Right!
RUMBLE
Oh man, it really is trying to bury this entire pyramid!
I can only imagine how much that golem managed to destroy once we lost sight of it.
CRUSH
WOOOOM
NO...
huff
huff
...ESCAPE...

CRACK
FWOOOOOSHHHH
CA..NNOT...
...FALL...
...HERE...
CRUMBLE
NEVER...
STOP...
CUUURL
UWAAAHHHH!!
THERE'S NOTHING
OKAY ABOUT THIS!
VWOOOOOOOOOOOSH

It's okay, just keep moving forward! Now... Jump!
Okay!
W Whoa!
W W Wait for me!!
RUMBLE
CRAC
RUMBLE
Laugh!! We've finally found an exit!!
SMAAAAAASH
...BODY...
WILL NOT...RESPOND...
MUST...ST...OP...
...INTRUDERS...

hah
hah
F-Finally!
N-No more running,
p-please!
swoooooosh
W-Whew... We made it, but...
Are we really safe?
I should check and make sure
that golem has finally stopped.
Haha!
It's scorching out,
but somehow this
is the best feeling!
M..MAS..TER...
CRUMBLE
crack
CAN...NOT FAI...L..
MUST...PR..
crack
I-It's still..?
N-No not even you
could survive that.
OT...EC....T...
You... just wanted to protect your Master too
Didn't you?
M...A.....S...
But just as you awakened that desire
must have been distorted
You and I...
We both follow the path of a warrior.
But, for a warrior who has failed to protect
his Master...there is only one fate.
...Then, someday...
Maybe I, too,
will...


Heeeeey! Poo!! You okay??
If you're ready, we're going to take a look around!
...Oh, right. Okay, let's go!
W Wait, do we even know what direction we're heading?
There's nothing but sea around us...
We're meant to head for "Deep Darkness", but... beyond that, I'm at a loss.
Well...this place is a little too bright for that...
Maybe there's a clue around here somewhere?
WOOOOOOOSH
You mean like a spinning tornado with the head of an old man...?
T-That's....! The Star Master??
Wait, you actually know this guy?!?
Hohoho... Well done, Prince Poo. The time has come for us to meet once again.

Please forgive me! When last we met, I did not realize who you were and I.
Prince Poo! Raise your head.
All that matters is the fact that you have found Mu.
However .. You have hit a dangerous limitation. The limitation of "self" ... a wall that is the death of many warriors.
Prince... I will teach you to overcome this wall.
In order to do so you must leave your friends and come with me.
But...I am needed here! Without me to look after Master Ness.
Prince! As you are now, you cannot protect anyone.
You want Poo to leave? But... we're a team!
Wait.. What?
Don't be so hasty!
If you truly wish to protect those close to you, then there is no other answer.
Without learning the way of the Starstorm, you will surely fail.
No matter what, I must stop you here.
I... ..I...
Very well I accept.
Please teach me the way of Starstorm

Poo...
Are you sure about this?
Yes...
It is vital that I learn this ability I.. I cannot pass up this chance...
Please...
forgive my selfishness! but... I must do this!
I must become stronger!
If I can't protect those close to me...
then all of those years I spent training until now were meaningless!
I'm sorry, Master Ness, but...
...?

Poo,.. Just call me "Ness", okay? No more formalities.
I don't really know about this training stuff, but you're the strongest guy I know!
If you think it's important, then so be it
T Thank you, Mas...no, Ness. ..Thank you, Ness.
When my training is complete, I promise to return stronger than ever
Paula, Jeff, I leave Ness to you Take good care of him.
Ah... um.. y- yeah!
R-Right.
Although it pains me to do so, this is where we must part ways. I...
EVASION?
Huh. ?
W What? Ness, this is your,..

I'm just letting you borrow it, so take good care of it!
Once you finish training, hurry up and bring it back!
Hahaha... I promise. We will meet again.
If you are ready, I will take us away to our location.
Yes... I'm ready.
Very well.
Take care of yourself!
Hoho... What spirited youngsters. They must be very close to you.
...Yeah
They're...my friends.

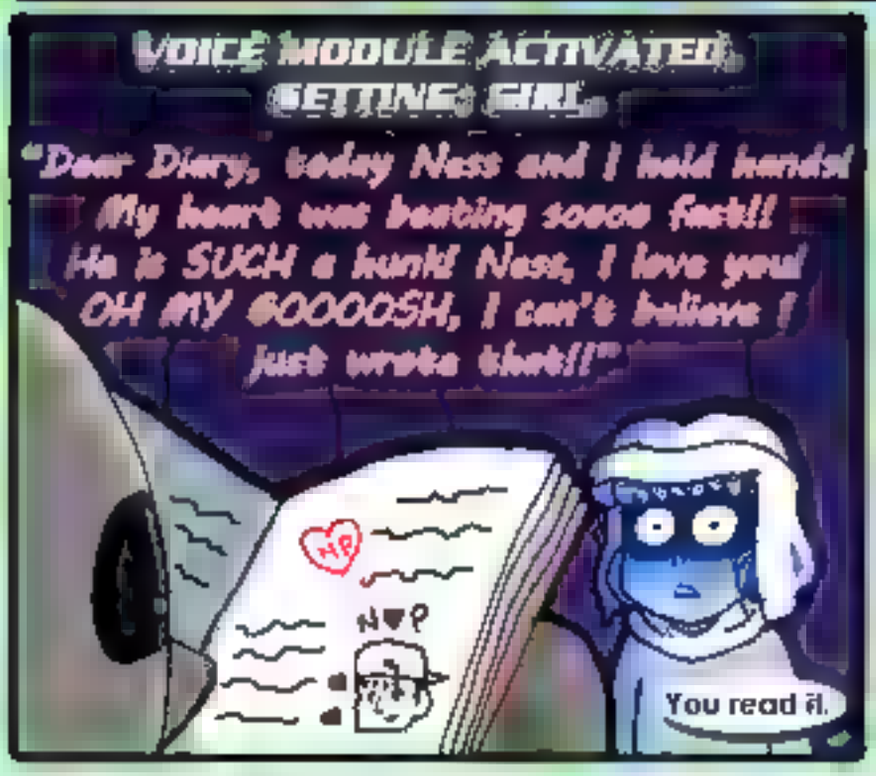
~WOOOOOOOSH
I'm sure he'll be back soon... I didn't think we'd get along at first, but...
Yeah... We were just getting to know him.
Well, look on the bright side. You guys still have me.
Who were you, again?
...Agh... Come to think of it, we still have no idea where we're going.
Let's search around before this heat gets any more intense.
Do you think Ness will be okay to go? He hasn't moved at all...
..Maybe we should leave him be for now...
HURK
SNORT
He's taking this pretty hard.
SNIFF

Ah, glasses boy... Might you be headed northwest?
A "Dungeon Man" lives out that way, and I happen to have his key
W Wait, what?? Dungeon Man is here??
I'm allergic to dungeons, so I can't get near him. Would you be kind enough to return it for me?
L-Leave it to me!!!
...What? No I'm sorry This camel is not for sale.
Listen, pal, it's best you forget about this camel. Ya see he's really an evil mastermind trying to destroy the world, too. If I let go of this leash, He'll devour us and our eternal souls
SSSHHH! ! He'll hear you. ..!!
CRA
ASH
RUMBLE

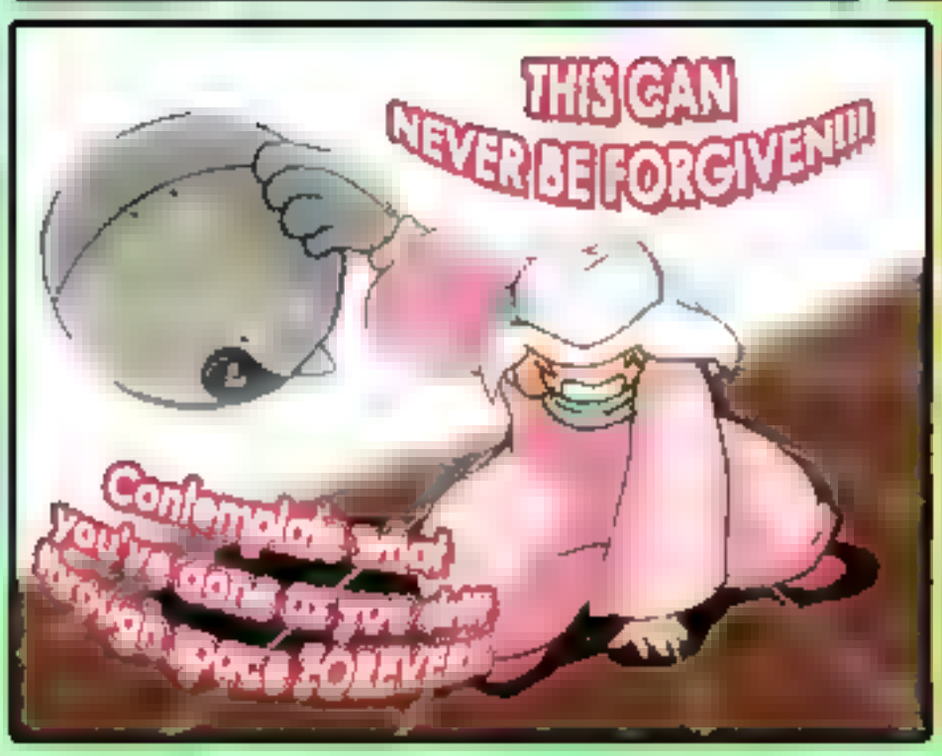
Ahh...
It's just not the same... Without my hat, I'm only half a man... The half without a hat...
GRRRRRRR
Heeeeey!! Ness!! Look out!!
YOINK!
Freeze! How dare you try to ambush a man lamenting his missing hat!
Yeaaaah! That's a dirty trick, buster!
If you want to fight so badly, then
W Wut
AAAIIIEEEEEE!!! EEEEEEKKKKK!!! OCTO-PERVERT!!!
No way! I had no idea you were such a fan of Mega Foppy, Jeff!! Awesome!!
puff,
huff,

HOW COULD YOU DO SUCH A THING?! DESPICABLE!! YOU.. YOU..!! CREEPER!!
SLAP.
SLAP.
SLAP.

YOINK!


VOICE MODULE ACTIVATED. GETTING GIRL...
"Dear Diary, today Ness and I held hands! My heart was beating sooo fast!! He is SUCH a hunk! Ness, I love you! OH MY GOOOOSH, I can't believe I just wrote that!!"
You read it.

ROOOOOOAAAAAAAAR!!!


THIS CAN NEVER BE FORGIVEN!!!

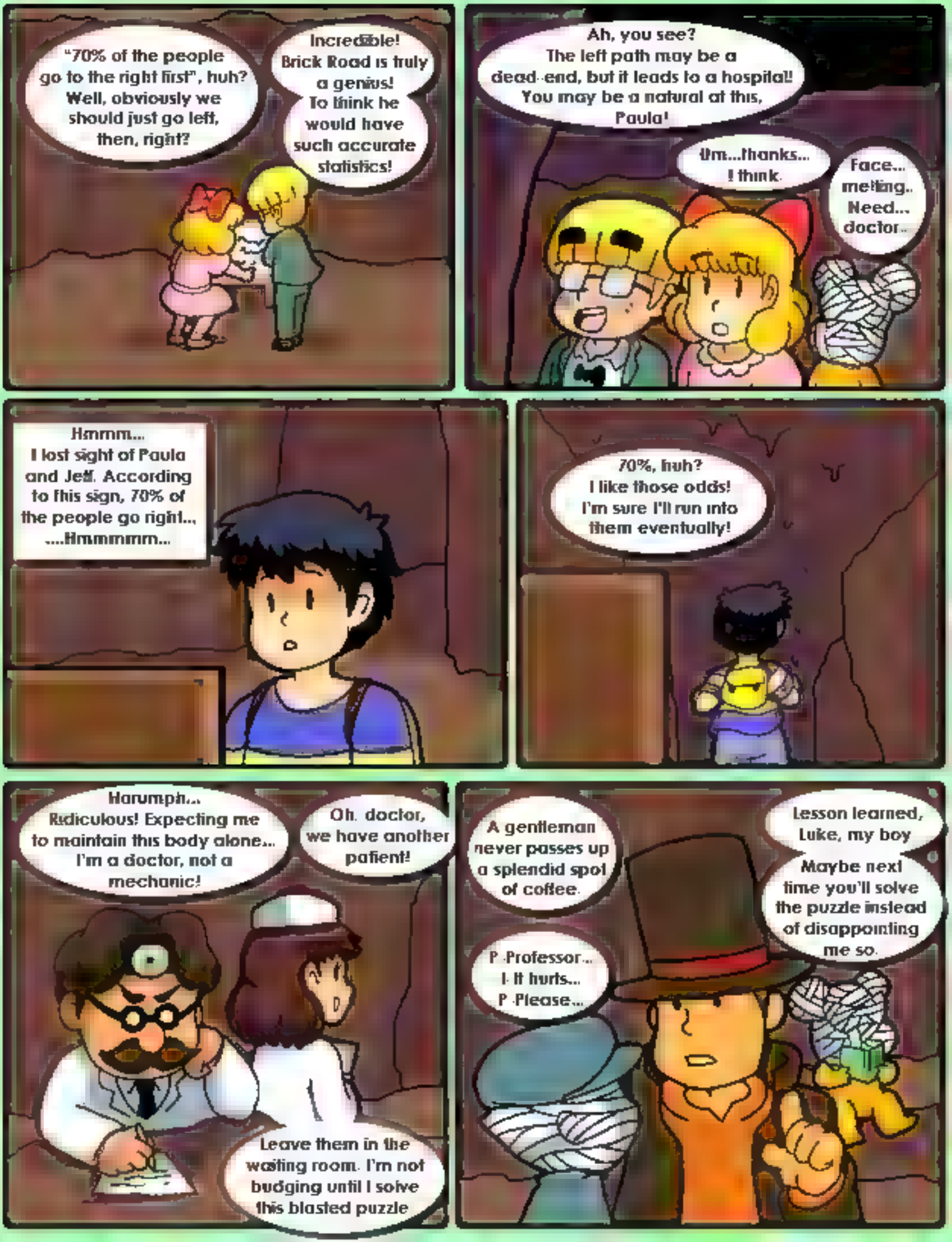
You hear that? She thinks you're a hunk.
If you want to live, never bring this up again

I can't believe anyone would seriously be evil enough to read a girl's diary...
.....
There's sand in my underwear
Aheheh! Look on the bright side, guys! Ah...umm... It sure is sunny out!
Ness, what does th
AH!! NO WAY!!
HOW DID I NOT SEE IT BEFORE?!?! T-THERE IT IS!!! NESS, PAULA... IT'S HIM!!! YAAAAAHOOOOOO! IT'S DUNGEON MAN!!!
Dungeon... Man?
What?? Where?? I don't see it!

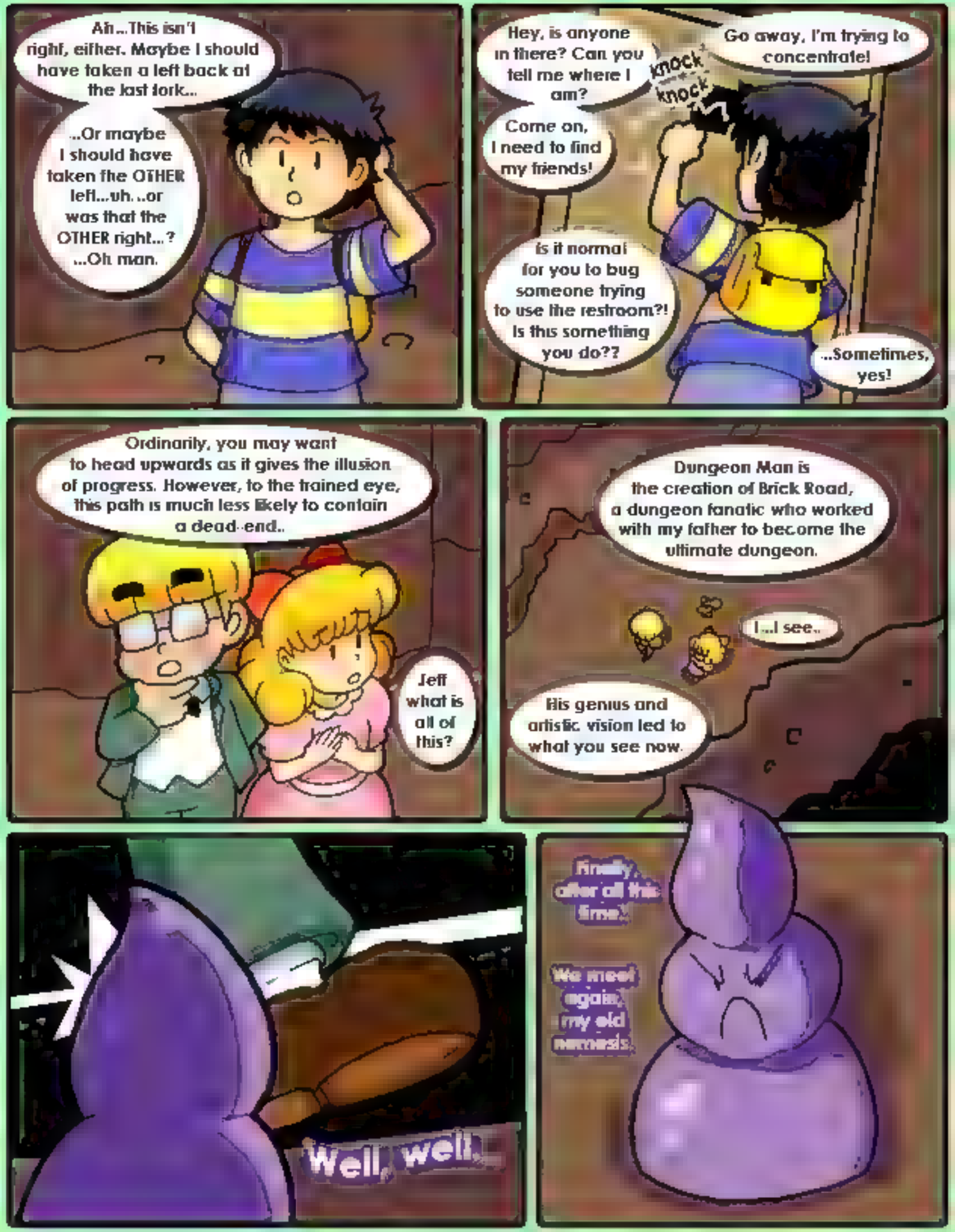
A glorious mixture of dungeon and man...
Majestic and proud...
An evolution to shock the world!
It's..... A dream come true~~!
Let's see...
Ah! The entrance is hidden on the back of the foot!
I'll just put this here and...
Wah ha! It worked!
I bet this is how it would feel to open a birthday present if dad ever remembered my birthday!
CREEEEEK
Whoooaa...
So we're going inside that thing?
It's huge...
That ramp must lead all the way up to...
...EW! No way!!
This is really creepy!!
Oh, grow up, Paula! It is NOT creepy...
IT'S SCIENCE!!
That doesn't make it less creepy!

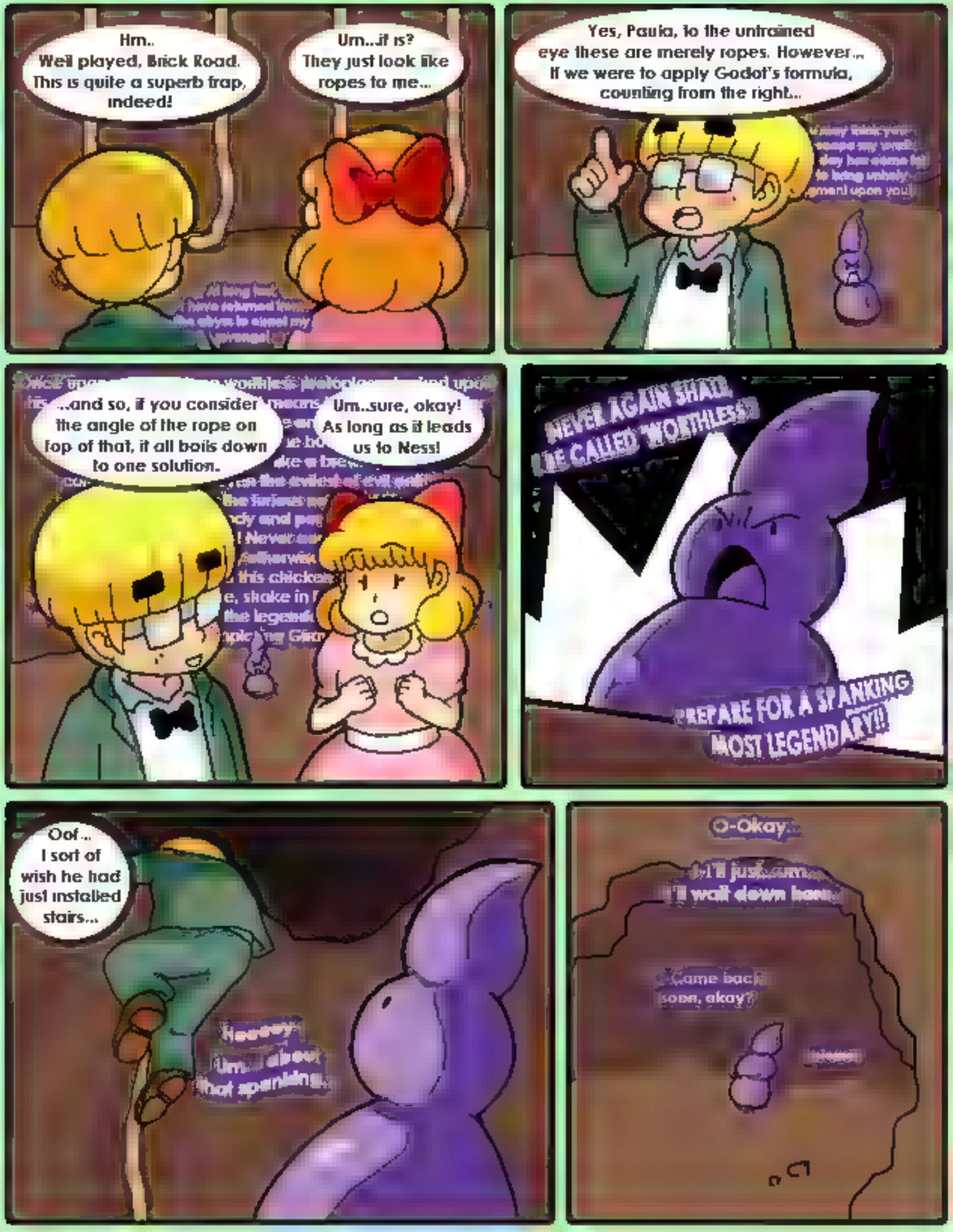
A welcome sign, eh? Heheh. you knew I'd make it here someday, huh, Brick Road?
Whew, this place is a lot less messy than I imagined
...There's an incredibly suspicious cup of coffee ahead.
Careful... You never know if it may suddenly attack or not.
Do you think something that implausible might happen?
I'm talking to a mouse.
Good point
G'MORNING, KIDS!!!
Who's ready for JAVA good time?!
SPLASH
I-I don't know which hurts more...! The terrible pun or the third degree burns...!!
Hey now, calm down! There's no reason to be so hot headed!
What's the big idea?! Put me down, sister!
I'll just cool you off a bit, okay?
PHEEEEEEEEW
T-T-This is HIGHLY inappropriate...!
There! Now you're nice and cool! Hee hee!
My...burning passion... ...gone...
SOL

NO! NOT YET!
I AM A....MAN-SIZED CUP OF COFFEE!!
NOBODY CAN DECAFFEINATE MY PASSION!!
Oh boy! Is that a cup of coffee? I've been meaning to try this for some time now..
I hear it really brings out the flavor!
GRRRR!!!
D-D-D-D.....DONUTS!?!?!
N-No.... I'm too frightened to move...! He...He's going to steal my soul...!
rattle
rattle
rattle
rattle
Mmm... Hmmm... A little bitter, but.. At the same time it's sweet with a lot of passion...
M-MY SOUL...!
SOB
SOB
Huh... For the inside of another being, this place just seems like a regular cave.
We've been through so many of them, I sort of expected something less..normal.
Maybe I should just ask Jeff what the
WAAAAAHHHH!!
M-HIS DONUT WAS...EVERYWHERE...!
..heck?


"70% of the people go to the right first", huh? Well, obviously we should just go left, then, right?
Incredible! Brick Road is truly a genius! To think he would have such accurate statistics!
Ah, you see? The left path may be a dead-end, but it leads to a hospital! You may be a natural at this, Paula!
Um...thanks... I think.
Face... melting.. Need... doctor..
Hmmm... I lost sight of Paula and Jeff. According to this sign, 70% of the people go right... ....Hmmmmm...
70%, huh? I like those odds! I'm sure I'll run into them eventually!
Harumph... Ridiculous! Expecting me to maintain this body alone... I'm a doctor, not a mechanic!
Oh, doctor, we have another patient!
Leave them in the waiting room. I'm not budging until I solve this blasted puzzle
A gentleman never passes up a splendid spot of coffee.
Lesson learned, Luke, my boy
Maybe next time you'll solve the puzzle instead of disappointing me so.
P-Professor... I-It hurts... P-Please...

OH...! Oh no!
My danger senses are tingling...
Ness is in some sort of trouble!
Jeff, we have to go!
"Danger senses"?
Er..Paula, isn't that just your psychic power?
though that does sound pretty cool.
Paula, if you can hear this...
I'm totally lost! Also, I found some soup!
Now all I can think about is soup.
Agh... This isn't working...
...No money?
Huh. Well, looks like you just came down with a case of "Get the heck out of my office."
B-B-B-But...!
What will become of Reggie...?!
...To be continued.
Excuse me.
I....
May be able to help you.
Don't worry
Once Reggie's face is fixed, we'll go find Ness.
O-Okay...
Hey guys.
I'm back.
Whoa, you look ...normal.
No extra eyes?
No surprise beard?
...We're not even doing the Potato Head gag?
Honestly, I'm as surprised as you are.


Ah...This isn't right, either. Maybe I should have taken a left back at the last fork...
...Or maybe I should have taken the OTHER left...uh...or was that the OTHER right...?
...Oh man.
Hey, is anyone in there? Can you tell me where I am?
knock knock
Go away, I'm trying to concentrate!
Come on, I need to find my friends!
Is it normal for you to bug someone trying to use the restroom?! Is this something you do??
...Sometimes, yes!
Ordinarily, you may want to head upwards as it gives the illusion of progress. However, to the trained eye, this path is much less likely to contain a dead-end..
Jeff what is all of this?
Dungeon Man is the creation of Brick Road, a dungeon fanatic who worked with my father to become the ultimate dungeon.
I...I see..
His genius and artistic vision led to what you see now.
Well, well,
Finally, after all this time!
We meet again, my old nemesis.


Hm..
Well played, Brick Road. This is quite a superb trap, indeed!
Um...if is? They just look like ropes to me...
Yes, Paula, to the untrained eye these are merely ropes. However... If we were to apply Godot's formula, counting from the right...
...and so, if you consider the angle of the rope on top of that, it all boils down to one solution.
Um..sure, okay! As long as it leads us to Ness!
NEVER AGAIN SHALL I BE CALLED "WORTHLESS"
PREPARE FOR A SPANKING MOST LEGENDARY!!
Oof... I sort of wish he had just installed stairs...
O-Okay...

Oh man... All of these caves look the same. Am I even in this "Dungeon Man" anymore...? Maybe I wandered into that Mole place again.
SIGH
I'm so lost...
They'll come back, right...?
... Maybe if I weren't so worthless they would.. ..sniff...
Ah! Hey, you there! Have you seen anyone come through here recently?
Yes... A small group did.
Were they a hip kid with glasses and a really cute girl with a ribbon?
...Yeah, they were just here. They went up ahead to the second floor
Awesome!! Thanks a lot, pal!
SIGH
Sure, no problem...
W- Wait. did he just.
Whew, good thing I asked that little guy for help!
Now I just need to catch up to Paula and Jeff!
GAAAAAAAAAAASP
"M" My darling

Wow, so this is...
Do you think Ness is... Wait, what is that noise?
A Astronomical...!! Utter genius...!! He actually installed a sound system to play background music???
Brick Road..., You will surely go down in history as a true visionary
I... I can't take it anymore!! Jeff we have to stop the source of this awful noise!!
STOP it?? Forget it, sister!!
This is bona fide DUBGEON STEP, baby!
Yeah!! This is my favorite part!
...It's all the same part.
H- How long are we gonna loop this? Can't we try something new?
Depends. Wanna play the songs on my butt instead?
ON AIR
....No.
Then stop complaining.

PAT
PAT
Okay, now it's time to get serious! There s no way I can get lost again.
OOOOHHHHMMMMMM
..Huh?? A dead end? Wait...
Hey, bear, did anyone pass through here?
There is no one anywhere.
Figures. I should have expected these ropes to lead to different places.
I don't see any differences, so... I'll just have to hope I get lucky
Hooo! ..Hey, you! Long time no see, pal! You come here to train, too??
SIIIIGH
I don't have time for this...
I have to hurry, otherwise I'll fall even further behind. The two ropes on the left were dead ends, so.... I bet if I skip to the last one it'll work! Yeah!!
OH COME ON!!!!

G..Geez..
You didn't have to go THAT far...
Oh yes I did!
in this dungeon we
"You-Break-It-You-Buy-It" policy.
brought a deep purse.
EEEEEEK
TEEEEEEEEEDDY!!!
KIDNAPPEEEEEEEEEEER!!!!!
Lemme at 'em!!
What's this?!
Don't underestimate me!
I'm no ordinary teddy bear
I... I am a...
SUPER Teddy!!
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!
OOOOOOOOAAAAAAAAAAAA

Stop saying that.
So I says to Mabel, I says.
with all of the screaming?
with your bear friend?
It's nothing to be embarrassed about.
Tch. Just great. Not only did you blow it, but you let a little girl scare you away.
S-She just... wouldn't stop screaming...
Well, look on the bright side. Another sucker is heading this way!
I don't know... S-Something about this kid.

W-WATCH OUT!!

YOU!!!YOOOOUUU!!!
GOODSIRIMEANYOUNOHARMPLEASEDON'T

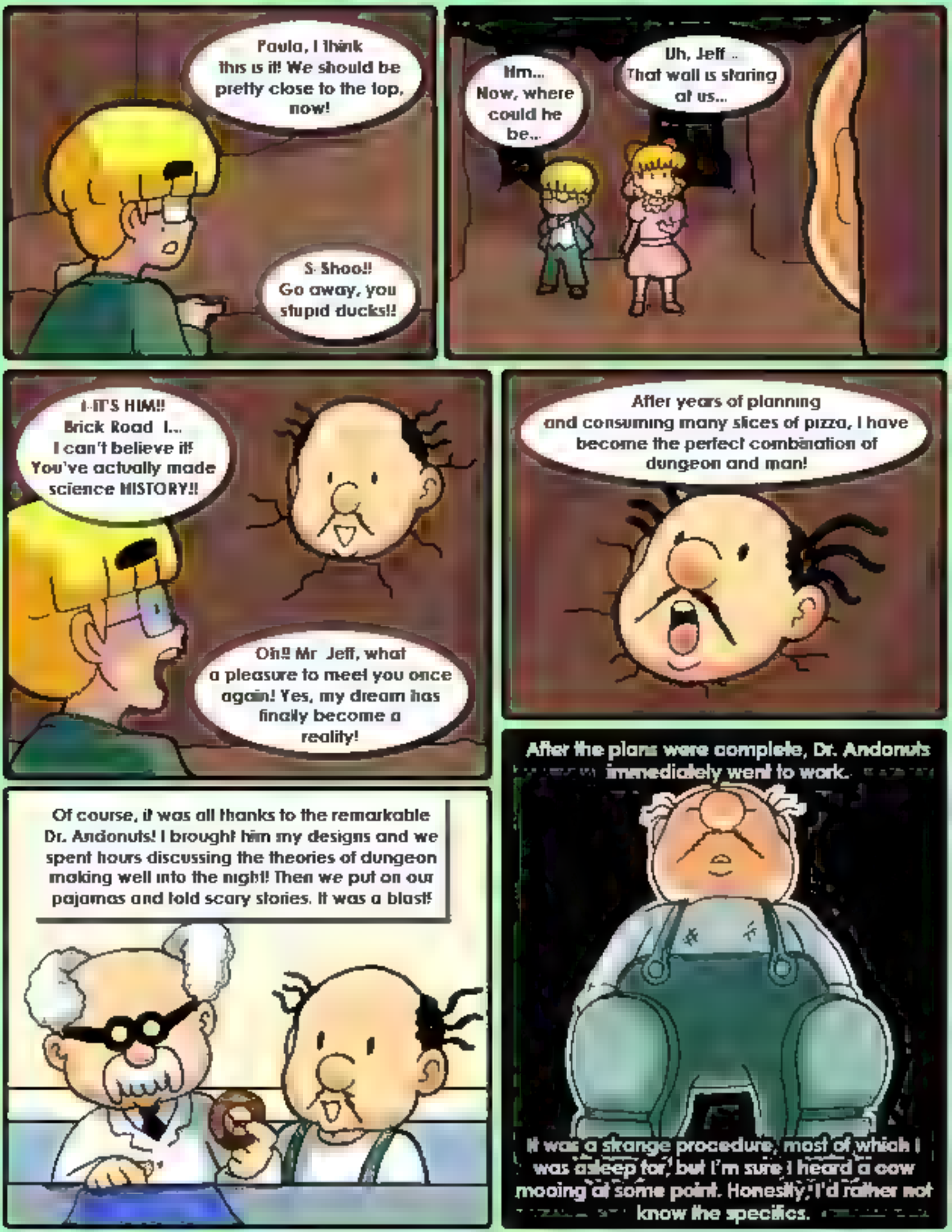
EEEEYAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHH!!!
It was a long trip, but we've finally confirmed its existence.
Ohaha! That rotten apple will be soooo jealous!

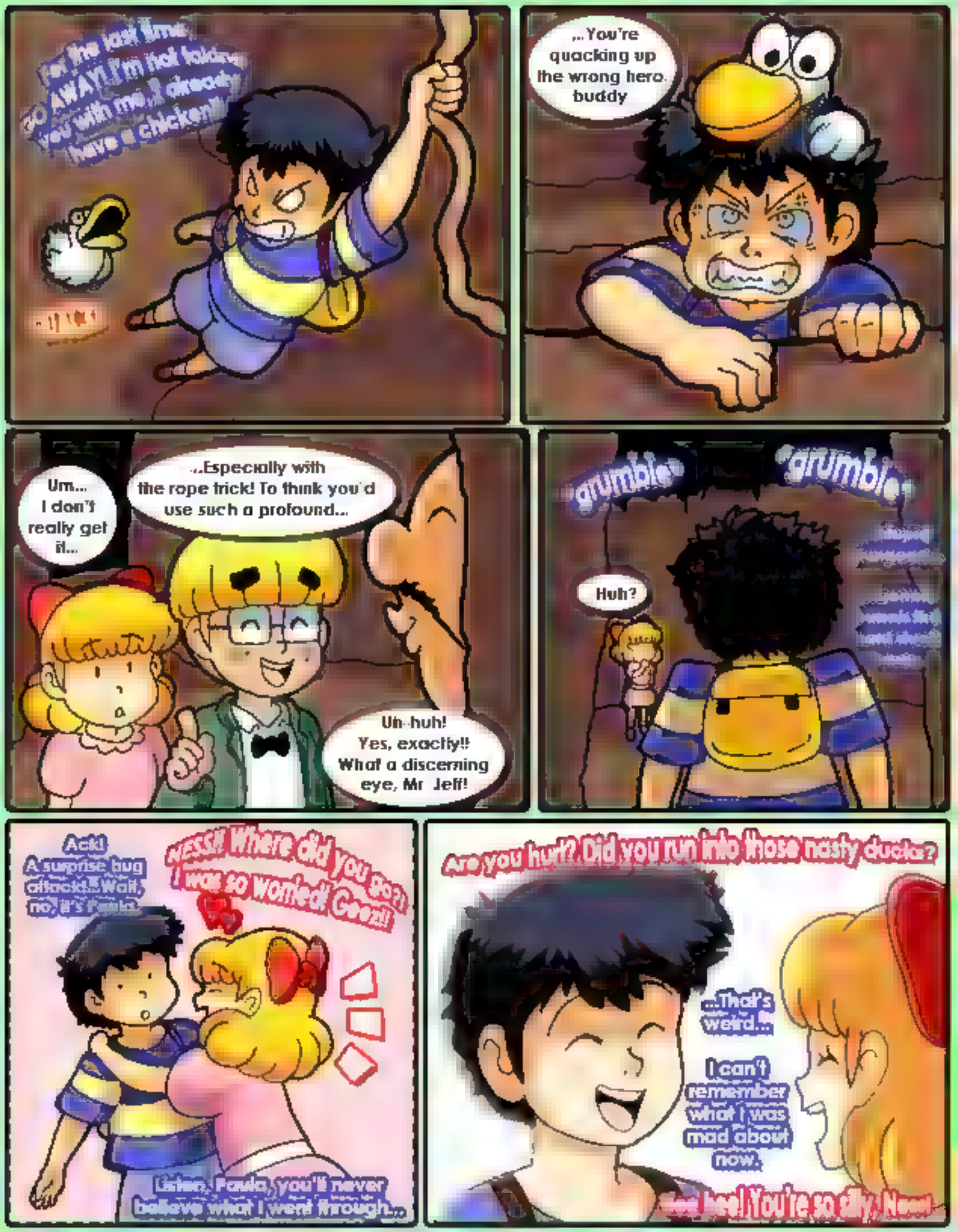
Er... Professor Sugarlumps did you just ...hear a scream..?
Just the wind, my dear boy! Dungeon Man is friendly, it wouldn't hurt a

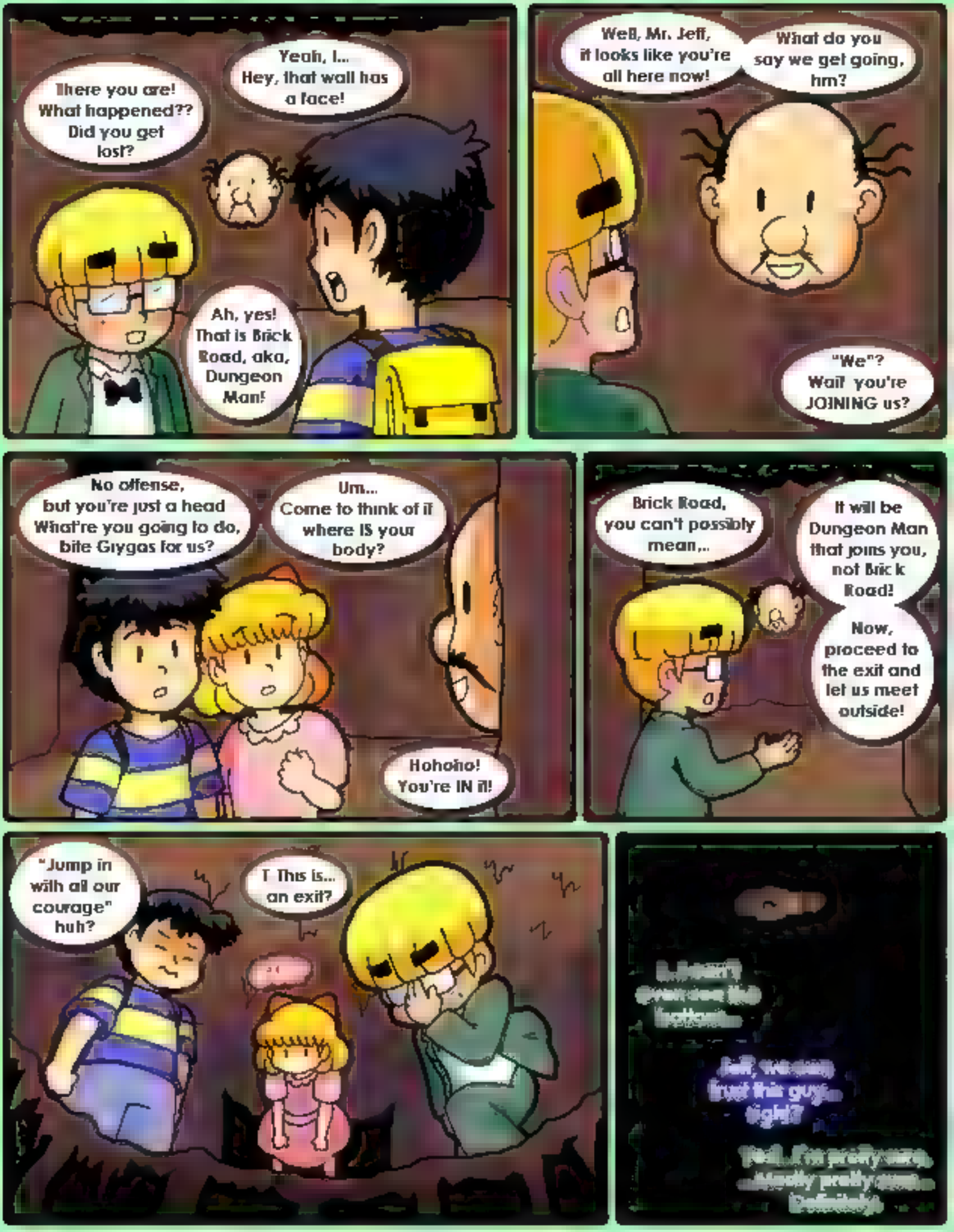
SHOOO

A third floor, huh...? How many more do you think are left?
This may be the last Look, over there!
Gruff Goats, from Winters. Brick Road may have brought them for company, meaning he's nearby.
Beehhh...
Lissen up ya punk! Come ovvver'ere so I can give ya a beatin ta be remembered!
What're ya lookin' at widd all four'a dem eyes, eeeehhh?? Ya turnip!
Or I could be wrong, and they were dumped here for being complete jerks
I don't understand any of this. but maybe that's for the best. I feel like I'd do irreparable damage to my brain trying to make sense of it.
BUUUURP
EEEEEELCH
HE
HE
HE
HEEHEEHEEHE
I- I want to go home...

...If this takes me to a room with bears, I swear I'll come back and find you.
I-There are bears up there, I promise!!
Hurgh... Almost there...
crumble
crumble
...Hey goat Did two people pass through here?
Lissen ta diss guy! Oy, punk, you think I'm gunna answer you wit'a face like THAT?! Lissen up n lissen good, ok
No. YOU listen.
YOU ARE ALREADY DEAD.
Um... Come again?
R- Really?? A- Are ya a ghost now or. I mean, how does this work ?
N- No idea, man.. That's da craziest plot twist I've ever heard
M-Maybe you should just answer 'im
Y- Yeah.
Alright! Now this is more like it!
Hang on, guys, I'm on my way!
Diss'ere kid....may be the most dangerous thing alive.


Paula, I think this is it! We should be pretty close to the top, now!
S- Shoo!! Go away, you stupid ducks!!
Hm... Now, where could he be...
Uh, Jeff .. That wall is staring at us...
I-IT'S HIM!! Brick Road I... I can't believe it! You've actually made science HISTORY!!
Oh!! Mr Jeff, what a pleasure to meet you once again! Yes, my dream has finally become a reality!
After years of planning and consuming many slices of pizza, I have become the perfect combination of dungeon and man!
Of course, it was all thanks to the remarkable Dr. Andonuts! I brought him my designs and we spent hours discussing the theories of dungeon making well into the night! Then we put on our pajamas and told scary stories. It was a blast!
After the plans were complete, Dr. Andonuts immediately went to work.
It was a strange procedure, most of which I was asleep for, but I'm sure I heard a cow mooing at some point. Honestly, I'd rather not know the specifics.


For the last time, GO AWAY! I'm not taking you with me...I already have a chicken!
...You're quacking up the wrong hero, buddy
Um... I don't really get it...
...Especially with the rope trick! To think you'd use such a profound...
Uh-huh! Yes, exactly!! What a discerning eye, Mr. Jeff!
grumble
grumble
Huh?
Ack! A surprise bug attack!...Wait, no, it's Paula.
Jessi! Where did you go?! I was so worried! Geez!
Listen, Paula, you'll never believe what I went through...
Are you hurt? Did you run into those nasty ducks?
...That's weird...
I can't remember what I was mad about now.
Aww, jeez! You're so silly, Ness!


There you are! What happened?? Did you get lost?
Yeah, I... Hey, that wall has a face!
Ah, yes! That is Brick Road, aka, Dungeon Man!
Well, Mr. Jeff, it looks like you're all here now!
What do you say we get going, hm?
"We"? Wait you're JOINING us?
No offense, but you're just a head What're you going to do, bite Glygas for us?
Um... Come to think of it where IS your body?
Hohoho! You're IN it!
Brick Road, you can't possibly mean,..
It will be Dungeon Man that joins you, not Brick Road!
Now, proceed to the exit and let us meet outside!
"Jump in with all our courage" huh?
T This is... an exit?

N-Well, h-here goes
uwaaaaahhhhh
H-Hey, that wasn't so bad!
By now they should be right around my...
Urp... ...again...?
Oh...Oh my... how embarrassing!
Did we just... come out of his...
I need to take a bath... ...Several baths...
Okay! Now that I've thoroughly traumatized some kids, let's suit up!
DUNGEON MAN! SHOWTIME!!
Fly, Mobile Fortress Dungeon Man! Take off into the great beyond!!
Yeah, uh... Before we do that, do you think you could pan up a little? I can't fit in the panel.

• Dungeon Man joined you. Wait, really? Holy sasquach!
Just leave it to me!
Alrrright! With Dungeon Man on our side, we'll really be unstoppable!
HO-HO-HO! Tiny weaklings, do not dare underestimate my power! Let my swift retribution bring an end to your evil ways!
WHAM!

Oh my ...! What a beautiful UFO! And that ribbon... Don't tell me, is that....?
Tee hee! What a cute ribbon!
Oh, you can talk! Well, hello there! That designer ribbon is just lovely!
How sweet! You have a darling ribbon as well! I don't think I've ever seen such a
DRUNK
N-No! Hang in there! I-it's just... just a scratch ....!!
Although... it was short... we will always be bound together,. ...by ... ..our.... ...ribbons...
NOOOOOOOOOOO!!
WHYYYYYYYYYYYY!!!
Dungeon Maaaaan, defender of truuuuth~♪
Dungeon Maaaaan, defender of juuuuuusticeeeee~♪

Hmmm...
I'm not sure how foreign the insides may be, but I'm pretty sure I could figure it out as I go along.
So you can fix her? Thank goodness!
Five minutes! Five minutes is all it'll take to have it good as new!
HA HA HA HA HA
Oh...! Oh my...!
My girlish dreams have become reality!
Urk.. I.. may have gone too far ..
She s ADORABLE!! Jeff, you're a genius!!
Now I can be the Beautiful UFO I've always wanted to be!
We're best friends~! We're definitely both girls~! la la la la la~!
Should I tell her...? No... This is okay, right.. ? I get the feeling I'm going to have to see a psychiatrist when this adventure is over..

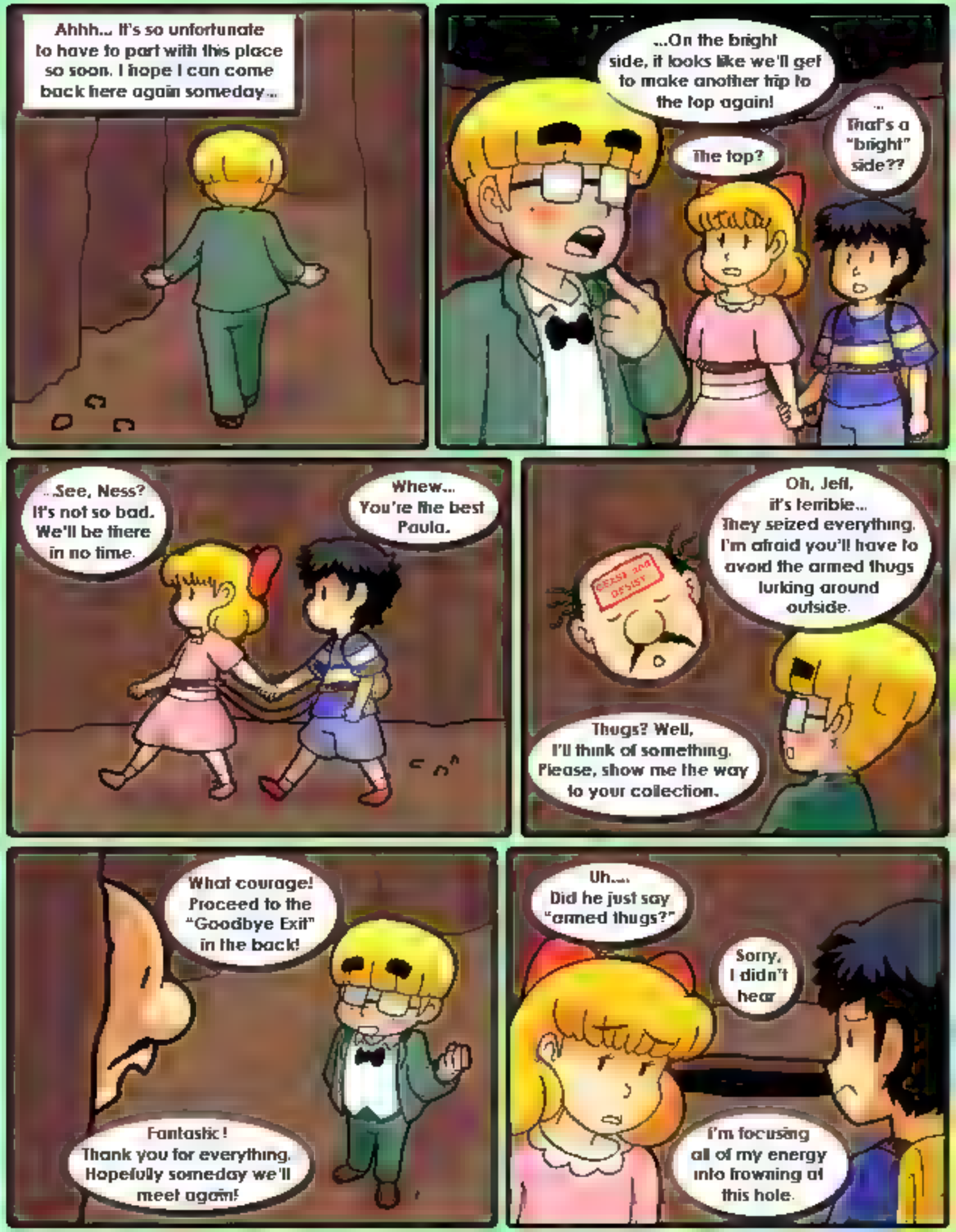
Hmmmm...
I sent the memo out, but my background music isn't playing yet. How can I go on an adventure without it.. ?
Perhaps I should ask the king.
Dungeon Land, home to Dungeon Man's workers and their families
There you are, your highness! We've been waiting for you!
My apologies, I just clocked out! Can I get a ticket for the show?
Yes, but please hurry before Brick Road gets angry!
Nope, some fellas called the "Beedles" or something like that.
Those new guys Hal was raving about?
Whoa, heya, Sire! Got your ticket for the concert, eh?
Lucky you, pal! Guess being "king" has its perks.
You betcha!
So who's playing today? The Runaway Five again?
Yeah, I hear they're bigger than Bob from accounting!
ADMIT ONE
Bigger than Bob?? Wow, but he's HUGE!

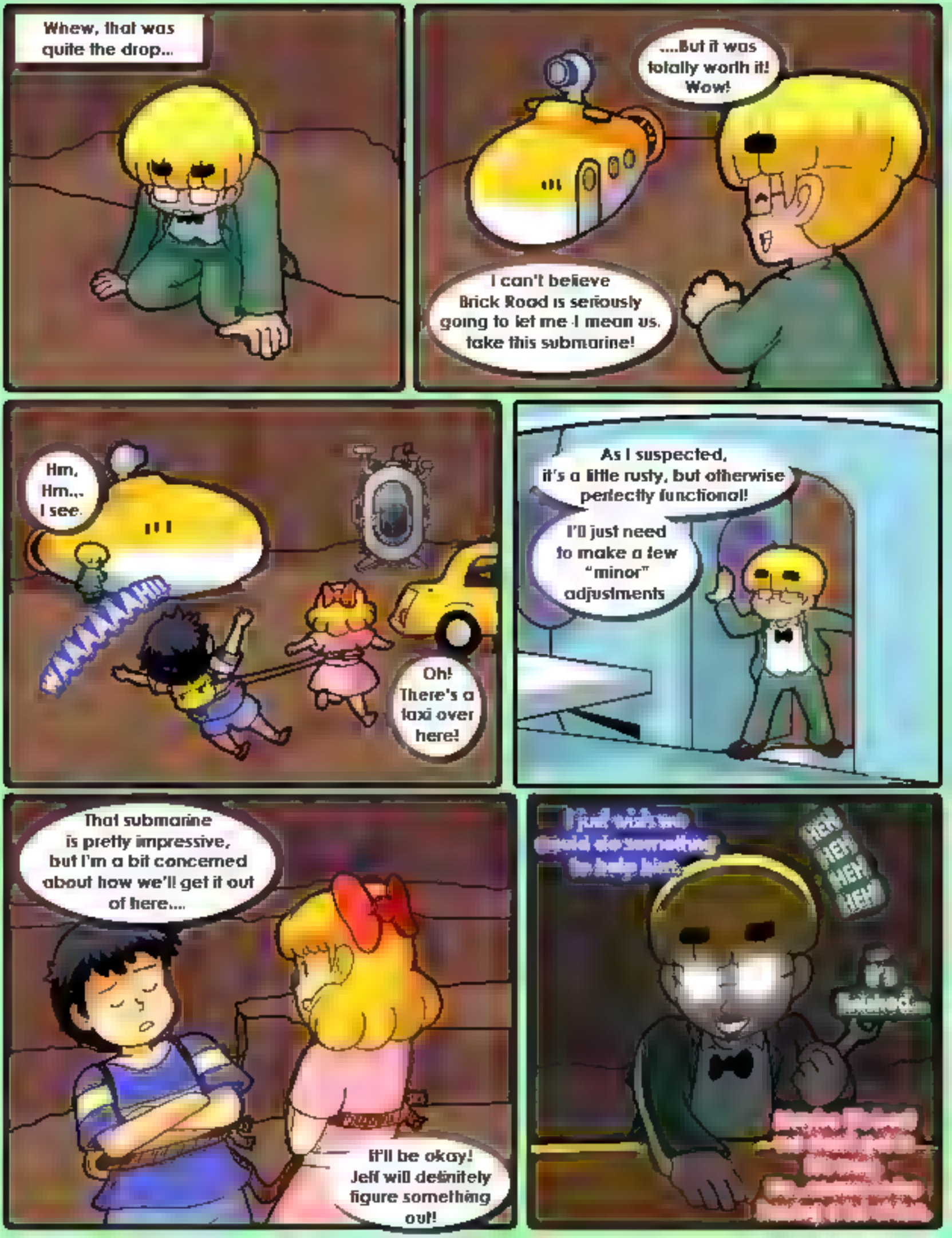
Oh! OH!!
This music...my body can't...resist..!!
I can't....stop... the FUNK!
This is... MY HAPPIEST POSE!
Wow that is the happiest pose I've ever seen. Is it safe for him to be moving around like that, though?
Only if the place atop his head was occupied, but that
Huh? What's that?
YAAAAAAHHHHH!!!
T-There's no way my health insurance will cover thiiiiis..!!!
Whoa, where did he come from? ...Hey, guy! Kick once if you're still alive, twice if you need help!
Ah, here comes another one.
FWUMP

It has revealed itself once again.
...The ultimate picture.
BWOOOOOM
Once more, I descend upon this mortal coil to claim my prize.
No matter the time.
No matter the place.
CRACK
I will never be denied pictorial perfection.
AAAAIIIIEEEEEEEE!!!
I think it's a dung beetle!!!
WHAP!
Get it off, GET IT OFF!!!
As with all friendships, one day we must part..
But I'll remember you forever
I never imagined I'd make such a strong bond with an enemy
How wonderful!
Well said, Miss Paula. I am overcome with emotion.
I'm as confused as you are.
Uh, Ness?
Who is he...?

How fascinating! To think, those people were living atop Dungeon Man all this time.
They must REALLY like heights. Well, as long as they're happy, I guess
Red Team, this is Alpha Five. Follow the yellow brick road. I repeat, follow the yellow brick road.
Uh... What?
...Just send in the lawyers already, geez.
SWOOOOOOOSH
Mr. Brick Road, this is the last straw. You've been warned before about your use of copyrighted music. As of now, Dungeon Man is to terminate all function.
C-Crap.
B-B-But... My adventure...
The adventure is over Mr. Brick Road. I will not permit you to move from this spot.
Mr. Brick Road, you have been served.
CEASE and DESIST
sniff

..So, this is as far as we go together, huh? What a shame.. To think, the world will never witness your awesome power..
What are we going to do now? Even if our destination is further south, we still can't make any progress.
Maybe we should go back and talk to the Captain? If he has another boat, then..
A boat? Hm.. Ah, actually, I have a submarine in my vehicle collection
Please, enter my body once more. If you can use it, it's yours.
Brilliant!! Thank you so much! I can't believe it...! A submarine!
Oh my, a submarine? How romantic! We're the luckiest kids in the world!
Ness!! Hey, Ness! Did you hear that?? A submarine!!
...Ness?


Ahhh... It's so unfortunate to have to part with this place so soon. I hope I can come back here again someday...
...On the bright side, it looks like we'll get to make another trip to the top again!
The top?
...That's a "bright" side??
...See, Ness? It's not so bad. We'll be there in no time.
Whew... You're the best Paula.
CEASE AND DESIST
Oh, Jeff, it's terrible... They seized everything. I'm afraid you'll have to avoid the armed thugs lurking around outside.
Thugs? Well, I'll think of something. Please, show me the way to your collection.
What courage! Proceed to the "Goodbye Exit" in the back!
Fantastic! Thank you for everything. Hopefully someday we'll meet again!
Uh... Did he just say "armed thugs?"
Sorry, I didn't hear
I'm focusing all of my energy into frowning at this hole.


Whew, that was quite the drop...
....But it was totally worth it! Wow!
I can't believe Brick Road is seriously going to let me -I mean us- take this submarine!
Hm, Hm... I see.
WAAAAAAAH!!!
Oh! There's a taxi over here!
As I suspected, it's a little rusty, but otherwise perfectly functional!
I'll just need to make a few "minor" adjustments
That submarine is pretty impressive, but I'm a bit concerned about how we'll get it out of here....
It'll be okay! Jeff will definitely figure something out!
I just wish we could do something to help him!
HEH HEH HEH HEH
It's finished...

This is it, men! Get your weapons ready! Something's coming!
YES, SIR!!
Max Propulsion...GO!!
Sorry, Dungeon Man, but it looks like I'll have to tear you a new Exit Hole!
GRAAA
SH!!!
It's them!! SHOOT!! SHOOOOOT!!
P.OP
I-I can't, it's too... beautiful...!!
My banana isn't responding!!
S-Sir, they're getting away! Shouldn't we stop them??
After an escape like that?
Forget it!
SPL SH
Now go and fetch my computer so I can upload this to youtube

Worked like a charm! Hang tight, guys, it's time for some serious plot progression!
I don't believe it, he gave away our submarine. Now what're we supposed to do?
...I guess we'll just have to walk home.
That may have been the coolest thing we've done yet.
Indeed! That taxi may have been scrap, but it proved to be extremely useful.
Where did you learn to make stuff like that?
"A broken object is just a new invention waiting to be made."
...That's something dad taught me
It sounds silly, but those words have always been what inspired me.
Wow, it's gotten so dark out ..
Haha, you must really admire your dad, huh?
Whh
Er, um,.. Hey, look at that, we're here!
"Deep Darkness"... It certainly lives up to its name.

Sheesh, is this place foreboding or what?
W We should look for a save point...
Despite its dangerous atmosphere, this place appears to be business as usual.
SQUAWK
~click~
Strangely however, I can't shake the feeling as if we've forgotten something important...
rustle
rustle
Dad? Yeah, it's me! I'm okay, so don't worry!
...
I know, I know... Yeah... Me too
Paula, listen if you get into any trouble, just collect the seven artifacts of the Eternal Gate. Once you unseal it, you can summon me in battle any time!
Um, thanks dad, but I don't think that's a thing that exists.
SQUUUUUUUAWK!!!
PAUUUULA, WAAAAAHHHHH!!!
I MISS YOUUUUUU!!
SQUUUUUUAAAAAAWK!!!!

This may prove to be a bit of a problem... I've only taken a few steps, but it's already this deep.
...Wait, guys, don't go too far out!
Oh man, I can't feel the bottom! Looks like we'll have to swim across.
...Of course we will...
This is a really bad time to realize that I'm terrible at swimming.
glub glub
Thanks, pal.
I don't ever want to go swimming again.
All of those hours spent on my hair ...gone ...
Geh...N Ness b be a little more careful, we don't know what's lurking out here.
Um... Jeff, your jacket is... flapping.
FLAP FLAP
Don't give me that look.
...Yeah. That one.
staaare

Pssst, hey brother, come 'ere a minute! I've got the deal of a century!
Who, me?
OH ...! OH MY!
I've got just the thing for a rocket maniac like yourself. Set your eyes on this bad boy, my friend!
Behold! The almighty Multi-Bottle Rocket!
M- My pants feel about 60% wetter right now
I- I'LL TAKE IT!! ALL OF THEM! MONEY IS NO OBJECT!!!!
Hohoho... Brother, looks like we've got ourselves a deal.
Get ready to rocket your socket off!
Whew, finally made it back to dry land... I don't see Jeff anywhere, though,
Let's go look for him
He seemed upset over getting so drenched... I hope he's okay
AHAHA! AHAHA! AHAHAHAHAHA!!!

(...Maybe it's impossible. Maybe monkeys not born in the desert just can't teleport after all...)
...Huh? Hey, monkey, what's wrong?
Ukiki kukiki! (Oh, you can understand me!)
Kiki Kuyopuu.... (Well, you see, it's my dream to teleport...but I just can't figure out how. Maybe I don't have enough skill points.)
Oh, is that it? I can teach you if you want. Honestly, it's not that hard once you get the hang of it.
K Kuripi kikyo?! (R-Really?? OH. THANK YOU!!!)
...Sounds like you really lucked out! Won't your weapons get soaked going through the swamp, though?
No problem! Inside my jacket is a portal to infinite space!
You wouldn't believe how dry it stays in there.
By the way, what's Ness doing?
Oh, he's teaching a monkey how to teleport.
Is it wrong that we can say these things so non-chalantly now?
I try not to think about it.

KUKI PIPI KIYO!!!
Kupipi Kya! (I did it!! In your FACE time and space!!)
Oh, hey, congrats!
Uh...Is this for me?
K-Kuku pepii... Kiyo... (M. Master, thank you so much...! This is but a token of my appreciation. Please don't open it until I'm gone! I-It's so embarrassing....!)
O-Okay
Don't come over here, don't come over here, don't come over here. don't come over here...
Yes, yes, I'm a traveling salesman. Do you need a doctor? run his business, too. He has crippling anxiety issues, you see.
I just want to be left alone, yet people keep coming to me for help! "Ahhh, I'm on fire!!", "My leg is asleep!", "I swallowed a slipper!" ...Seriously, how do you DO that?!
GURK!!!
Hi!
It's terrible!!! Call the doctor's doctor!!
Ah ..He fainted.
Kuki pa! (Okay! Time to operate!)

Huh? Is it just me, or did this place somehow get even darker?
T-Those are bees, right? I can't tell anymore...
Paula, are you okay??
I-That wasn't me!
Uh...Jeff?
I don't think this is going to work,
walking right into some kind of trap.
Wait, Ness, don't you have the Hawk eye?
Oh yeah!
check my bag and-
AH-!!
Poo took it I never got it back from him.
N-Not again..., Maybe your sister can help? She did before, right?
There's no other choice... I'll go give her a call.
...And furthermore, you waited until the last minute to check! AGAIN! Big bro, this is RPG 101 we're talking here! You're not just some small time rookie, y'know! You even made it into Smash Bros! C'mon now!!
...Being lectured by my baby sister... I'm so ashamed..

I guess all I can do now is stand here and reflect on my failure as I wait.
Sigh ...It's not my fault, this is my first RPG...
How was I supposed to know...
SPLASH
Ness? I'm from Escargo Express...
I have your package.
Huh? Oh, it's
Your charge is $18. Plus tip.
I will eat your dreams and happiness.
I ended up giving him every cent I had
GLUP GLUP
I don't regret this decision.

I'm not sure how Poo managed to get this to Tracy, but I'll have to thank him later
Now to figure out how it works...

VRRRRRMMMMMM
Ah! It's reacting to the darkness!

FLAAAAAAAAASH!
W Whoa!

I-It's so bright...! What kind of power is this??

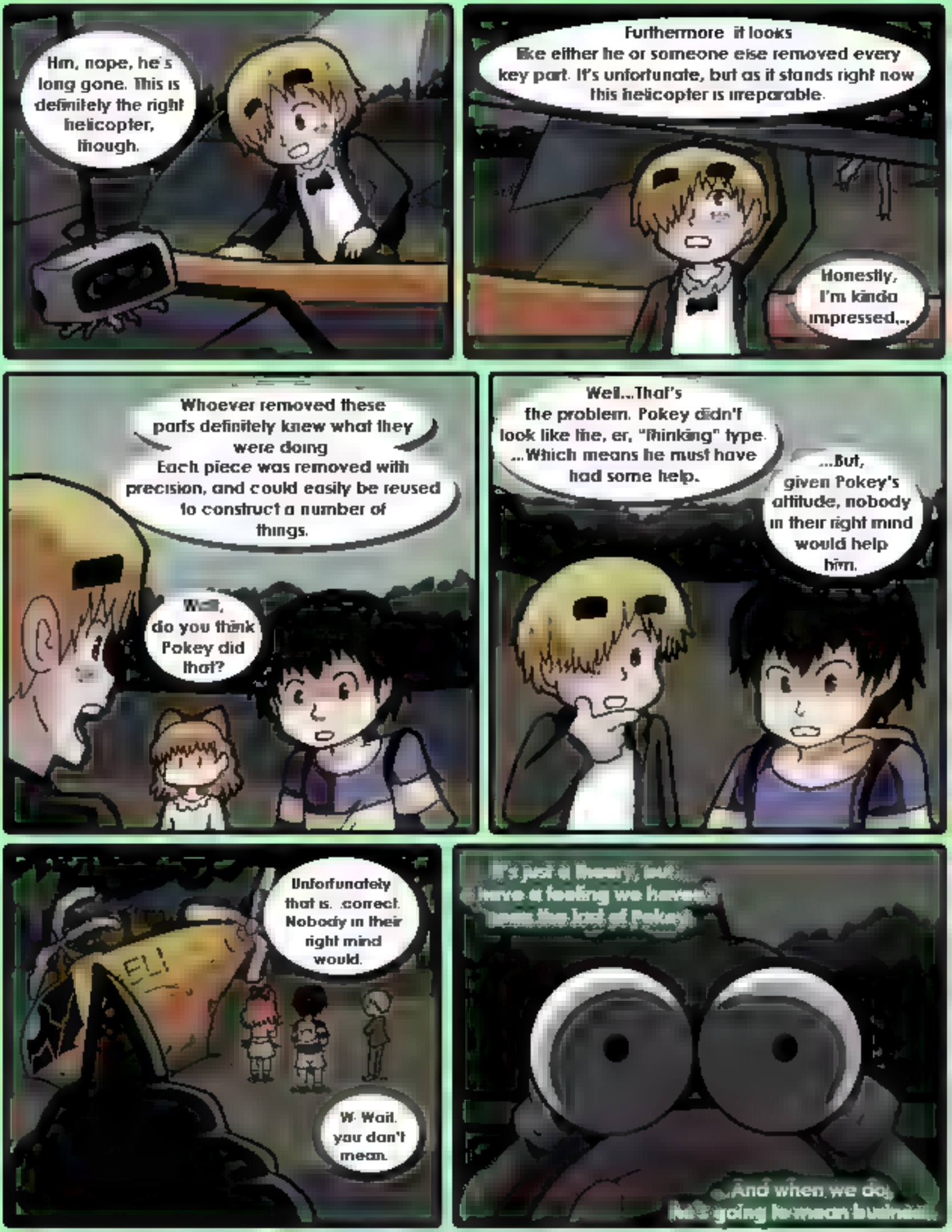
Amazing... The darkness has been cleared away!

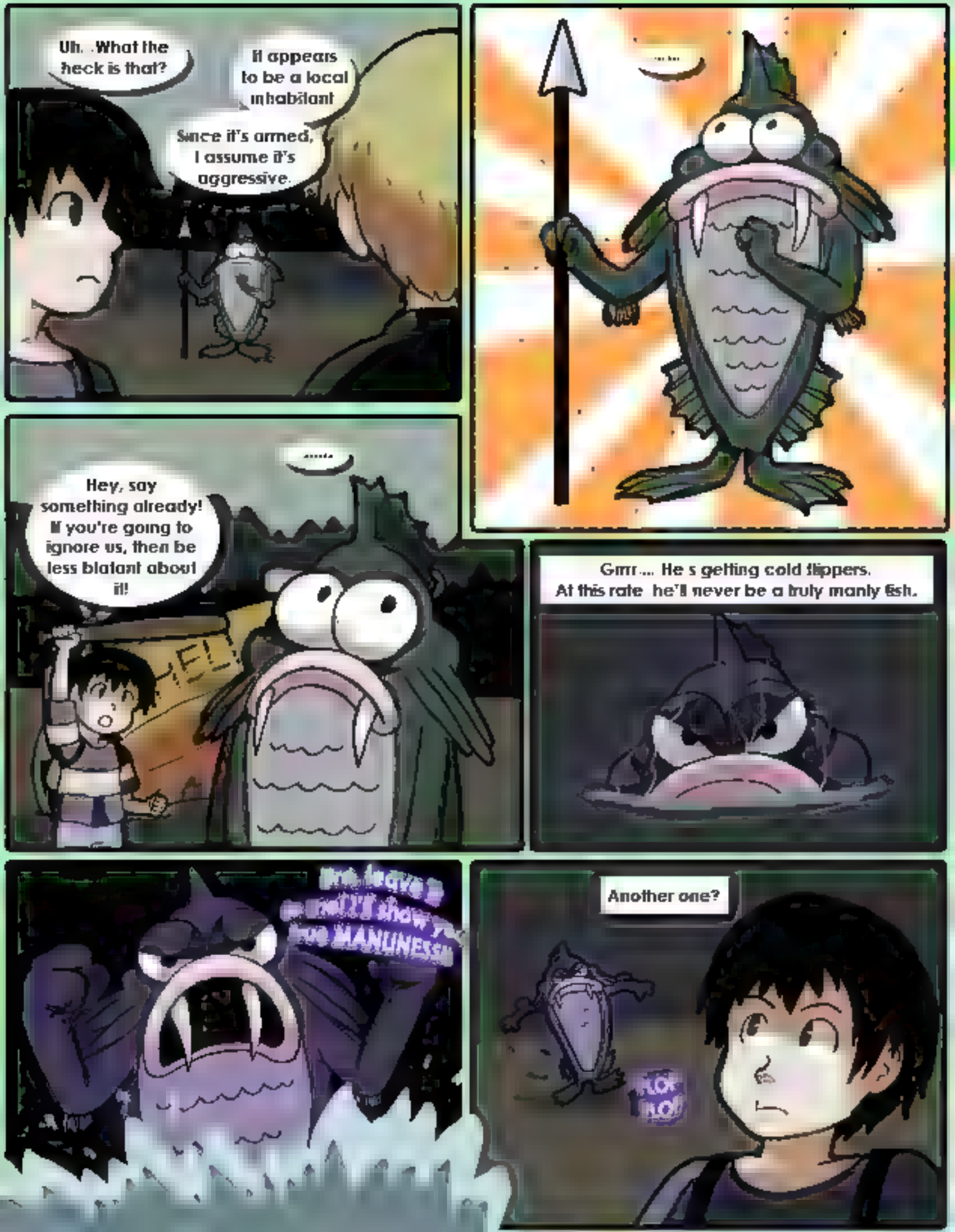
Unbelievable... That tiny thing contained such a big ball of light!
It's pretty amazing, but we can't relax just yet.
Everything that was lurking in the darkness should now be fully aware that we're here.
So, they found a way to break through the darkness, huh...
Our Master won't be too happy if they get any further. We'll have to end this here.
Hee hee! We'll show them true darkness!
Over there! Ness, we've got trouble!
Two... No, three? This is bad!
Without my glasses, I can barely see them!
Hey, kid! Come here so I can beat the hipster out of you!
.....
Oh. Wait. they're just...really tiny Somehow this wasn't really what I was expecting.
Wow, this place is really nostalgic for some reason! Something about beating helpless slugs brings back the fondest of memories...
Oooh. M.Master

That's it? A couple slugs? I thought this place might be a bit underwhelming, but I didn't expect it to be this easy
Hey, as long as they give good experience, they can throw all the slugs they want at us!
Ness is so optimistic! I guess when you look past the dirty swamp and the terrible humidity, this place isn't so bad.
trudge trudge
...Huh? Where did this big stalk of purple broccoli come from?
HEEEEEEEY, KIDS!! PUT ON THOSE SMILES CRAZY OL' ELDER OAK HAS ARRIVED!
SPLASH
IS THAT YOUR ONLY QUALIFICATION FOR SETTING THINGS ON FIRE?!
W-WAIT; NO, I'M HIGHLY COMBUSTI-
KAAABOOOOM!!!

What was that noi...
AH! PAULA?! What're you doing up there?!?!
"cough" "cough"
I.. I may have been careless...
Ah...!
P Paula, hang in there!! Paula!!!
Ness, don't worry, I'll take care of things over here!
Tch .. So much for our surprise attack. Guess I'll have to do this solo.
Don't think I'll go down as easily! Unlike my partner I have quite a few tricks up my leaves!
Ack! T That was close..!
GUFAWFAWFAW! I've got you now!
Prepare for the pruning of a lifelime!!
W- Wait, don't tell me it's trying to...!!
IT DID!!! IT TOTALLY DID!!!
SHOCK

That...was a mistake! You picked the wrong kid to steal a gun from!
I won't show an ounce of mercy for anyone who steals my equipment! Begone from this world!
KABOOOOM!!
..Ah. . It was still holding my gun ..
Maybe I got just a little carried away .. Well, time to go diving. I guess...
Jeff are you okay? We rushed over as soon as we saw the explosion go off...
Y Yeah, just a little... um.. exploded.
Yeah, no worries. Are you two okay?
Well, as long as you AH!!
HEL!
Wait, you don't think Pokey!


Hm, nope, he's long gone. This is definitely the right helicopter, though.
Furthermore, it looks like either he or someone else removed every key part. It's unfortunate, but as it stands right now this helicopter is irreparable.
Honestly, I'm kinda impressed...
Whoever removed these parts definitely knew what they were doing. Each piece was removed with precision, and could easily be reused to construct a number of things.
Well, do you think Pokey did that?
Well...That's the problem. Pokey didn't look like the, er, "thinking" type. ...Which means he must have had some help.
...But, given Pokey's attitude, nobody in their right mind would help him.
Unfortunately that is, correct. Nobody in their right mind would.
W- Wait, you don't mean.
It's just a theory, but... I have a feeling we haven't seen the last of Pokey!
And when we do, he's going to mean business.

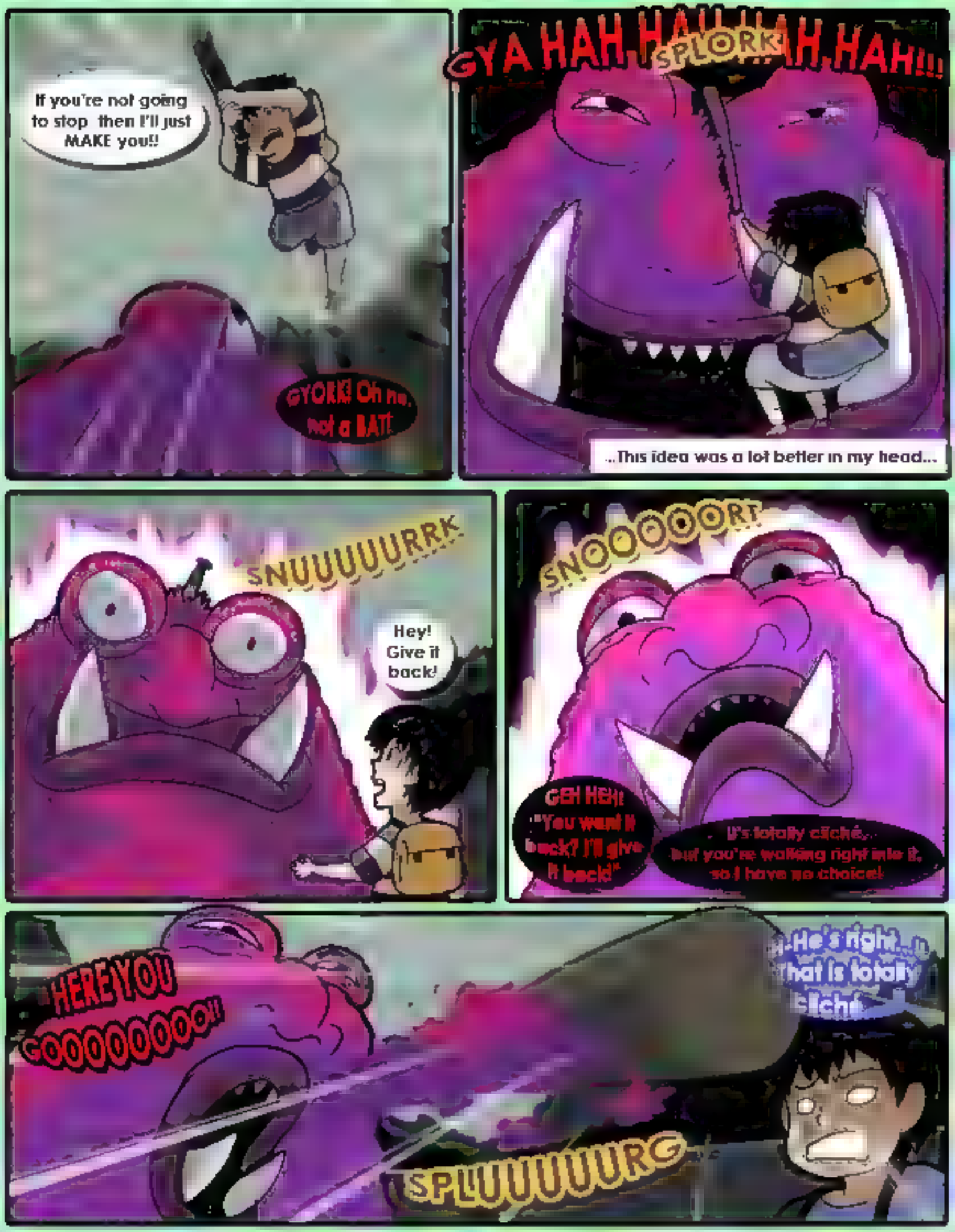

Uh. . .What the heck is that?
It appears to be a local inhabitant
Since it's armed, I assume it's aggressive.
Hey, say something already! If you're going to ignore us, then be less blatant about it!
Grrr... He s getting cold flippers. At this rate he'll never be a truly manly fish.
Another one?

Okay, noodles. You think you can just pick on my brother?
THINK AGAIN! The beast of the swamp the champion of the seas has arrived! Prepare to-
CRAAAAACK!!
STUFF IT, FISHSTICKS! I'm not going to stand here and let some grape-flavored tuna call me "noodles"!!!
Don't think you'll get off lightly with insulting Ness!!
I-I p-pass... I like my food to taste a little less, er, morbid...

Yeah, you better run! Maybe next time you'll think twice about underestimating us!
blurb blurb
Huh, some brother .. I can't believe he just took off
Well... I did sort of just turn his brother into a lunch special. ..
In any case, if looks like we can move on with... Uh...
Ugh, oh man! Nasty! Do you guys smell that??
Pheeeeew! What a terrible smell!
I wonder where it
..Oh, no, you've got to be kidding me.
BUUUUUUUURP!
BAAAAAAAAAAAAARF!
BEEEELCH

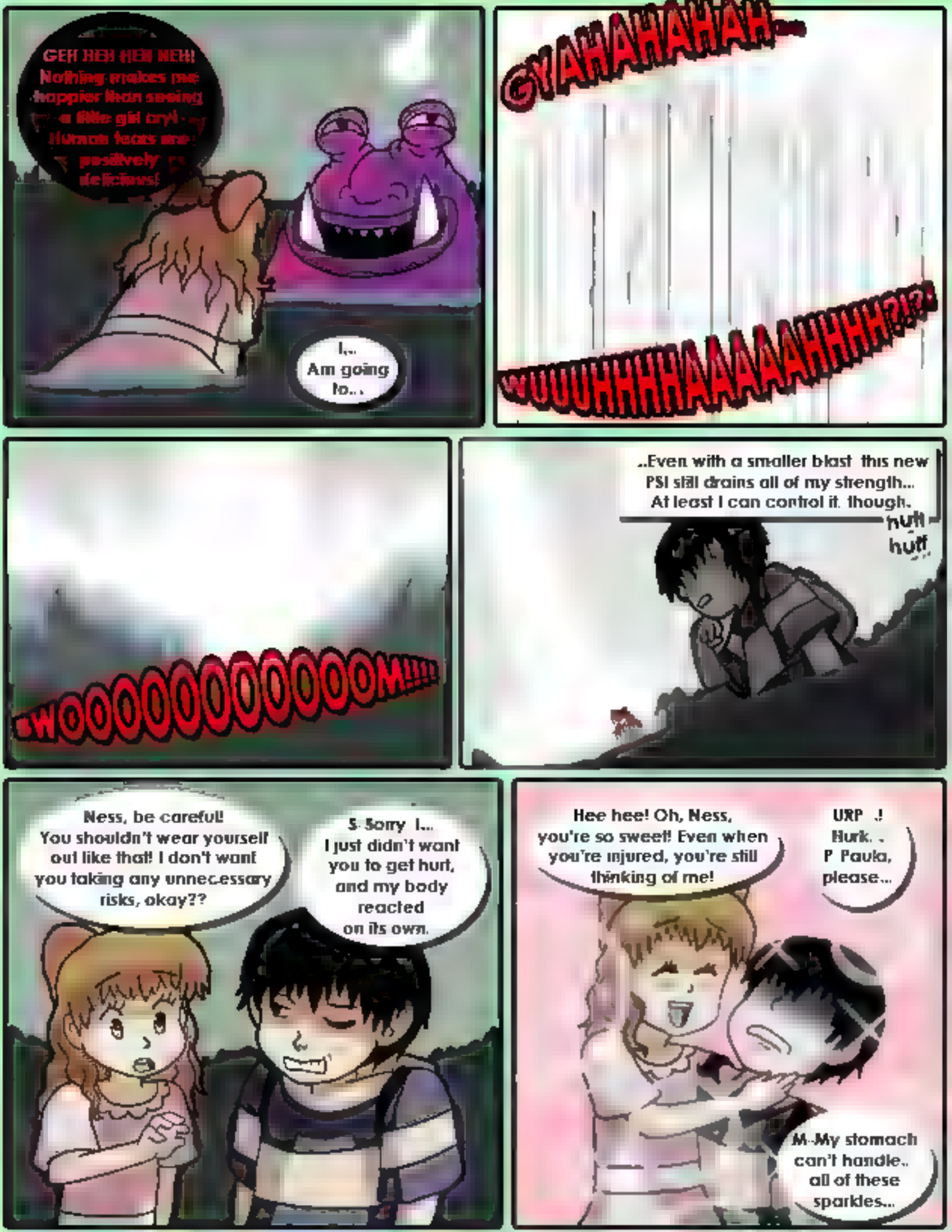
GEEEHHHH!
Intruders! Humans, at that!
I thought I smelled something putrid!
GUUUU....
The boss won't be happy
GYORK GYORK GYORK!
Stand down, men.
W- Wait, is that....?
Why is he here??
I don't believe it..!
Gyooork Gyork!!
It's been a long time, brats!
Allow me to reintroduce myself...
I am Barf...
Master Barf!
GHA GHA GHA!

What are YOU doing here?? We already beat you once before!
GEH HAH HAH HAH!!! That's right, you did! Don't think I've forgotten! Geh Heh Heh!
BUUUUUUURP!
Ever since my defeat at the hands of you twerps, I trained daily and ate only the most evil of barf I could find
WAIT! STOP! We're not flashing back to this! No way!!
Anyways, let me tell you about this one pile, ooooh man, that kid had the WORST flu, and he just ate this bag of nachos...
GYOOORK! No fair, you can't just censor me like this! My back story is important to my character development! How will the audience ever differentiate between Belch and Barf?!
We're just a pile of puke! Who cares?!
That's discrimination!!


If you're not going to stop then I'll just MAKE you!!
GYORK! Oh no, not a BAT!
GYA HAH HAH!!!
SPLORK!
AH HAH!!!
...This idea was a lot better in my head...
SNUUUUURRK
Hey! Give it back!
SNOOOOORT
GEH HEH! "You want it back? I'll give it back!"
It's totally cliché... but you're walking right into it, so I have no choice!
HERE YOU GOOOOOOOO!!
He's right... that is totally cliché.
SPLUUUUURG

GEGEGEGEGE!
BUUUUUUUUUUUUURP!
Oh, pardon me, I just can't-
PUUUUUUUUKE!
Oh, GYORK, that one was naaaaasty!
Hurk...!
SMAAAAAAAAASH!!!
Are you feeling okay? Here, let me give you a boost! GYA HAH HAH!!
N Ness!!! Are you okay??
I... urk...feel kinda... hurp...
Don't worry! Jeff and I will protect you!
W Watch out for....his..ugh...
You heard him, kid. Watch out for my "ugh". It's pretty gnarly.
I'm not afraid of you!
We've grown a heck of a lot stronger than you think. There s no way we'd ever lose to a weakling like you
I'll take you down in one shot!
SHOOOOOOOOOM

SPLUUURK
GLORP
...Okay, maybe two shots.
GEH... I remember that attack + Ness too well.
Yaaaahhhh!! PSI Fire!!
It's not safe to play with fire, so I'll just... HYOOOOOOOK!!
M My fire...! He s...!
Paula, stand back! I sense something seriously dangerous about this. After what he did with Ness' bat, I can only guess he'll...
Teddy...! No! What about your wife and kids??
"Daddy, you'll come to my piano recital won't you?"
Honey, promise me, before you go. Promise we'll be together forever.
Catherine...
Beatrice..
It looks like I.. couldn't keep my...promise...
GLUP GLUP


GEH HEH HEH HEH!
Nothing makes me happier than seeing a little girl cry! Human tears are positively delicious!
I,..
Am going to..
GYAHAHAHAH...
WUUUHHHHAAAAAHHHH?!?!
..WOOOOOOOOOOM!!!!
..Even with a smaller blast this new PSI still drains all of my strength...
At least I can control it, though.
huff huff
Ness, be careful! You shouldn't wear yourself out like that! I don't want you taking any unnecessary risks, okay??
S-Sorry I... I just didn't want you to get hurt, and my body reacted on its own.
Hee hee! Oh, Ness, you're so sweet! Even when you're injured, you're still thinking of me!
URP .!
Hurk. .
P Paula, please...
M-My stomach can't handle.. all of these sparkles...

Little brats... To think, they would have leveled up this much since then. However, this time will be different. Master Giygas, I finally understand how to use this "immortality" you gave me.
Looks like Ness took care of Master Barf, but...what in the world are his lackeys doing over there? I'd better do something about this, before it gets. ..uglier
URP!
BLAVAVAVARG!
SPLOOOORK!
BLUUURGH!
SPLAT!
HOOOOORGGGG!
GAH-HAH-HAH-HAH-HAH!!
self-replication... puke giving life to puke! An eternal cycle of vomit!!
GYO-HOH-HOH-HOH-HOH!!
GAH HAAAAAH HAH HAH HAH!!!!!!
Master Giygas, just watch! I will drown this world to death in everlasting puke!!
GEE GEE GE GEE GEEEEEEEE!!!!
He's.., insane...!

I don't think I'll give up that easily this time...This time I won't have anything back!!
HYAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
~PFFFFFFT~
...I... I'm spent...
BLAAAAAAARGH!
Ness!! Get out of the w
Oof!
..Thank goodness.. H He...dodged it..
P-Paula... S-Sorry, I just can't seem to move my body how I want...
A-As long as you're s-safe I...
GEHEE HEE! How nauseatingly touching! I'll let you two die together, embraced in pu-
KAAAAABOOOM!!

Don't think for a moment that this is over! I've got a bunch of friends here who greatly disagree with you!
Each one wanting to obliterate every last one of you! Until not a single bit remains!!
BOOOOOOOOOOM!!!
BOOOOOOOM!!!
BOOOOOOOOOOM!!!
KAAAAABOOOM!!!
the path to victory is paved with SCIENCE!! feel its overwhelming power!!
Ah... Jeff is taking all of the cool scenes again...
N-No fair..

Jeff you.. you did it.
Nevermind that are you and Paula okay??
As long as I don't move around too much, I think I should be.. ...urp ..
I... I just need a little time to rest and I'll be..
NESS!! This is no time to be losin' your cookies!! We've got a stowaway!!
WHAT?!
SPLOOOOOORT!
You can't be serious...!!!
Oo!
FLUMP!
D Disgusting...!! Was it hiding on my ribbon?!
He hid where he knew I couldn't attack him? I hate to admit it, but I guess you can't judge a pile of barf by its texture.

GYORK GYORK!
GYORK GYORK
GEGEGEGEGE....
Do you understand now? I can never die. You don't have what it takes to destroy me!
Ah...!
One way or another, I'll come back. Again and again, until all of the liquid in this world is converted to pure, concentrated vomit.
You can no longer stop me.
That plan is nonsense! I'll blow you to pieces again and again, so feel free to try as many times as
BWOOOOSH!!!
His taunts were just a distraction.
...
I was... outsmarted. By puke.
SMAAAAAAAAAASH!!!!

Ugh.. This disgusting feeling is completely overwhelming my senses... My head is so... dizzy...
He's going to strike again... I have to fight... Please, move...! I have to... get up...
KABWOOOOOOSH!!!
I. Leave him alone... or I'll.., f-fry you...
GEHEHEH!! Who're you kiddin'? You can't even muster the strength to form a cool comeback line!
Ahhh...!
SMAAAASH!!!
Still, I've had enough of you burning perfectly good puke!
Now look what you've done! You knocked her into the forest!
Sorry, I got carried away!
N..Nnn..

GEH HAH HAH HAH!
How about this, then. We'll play a game... Whoever finds her first gets to kill her!
...What? Ugh. Every time I turn around, I swear, one of you gets back up. Why don't you just give up already?
GRAAAAAHHHH!!
SLAAAAM!
CRACK
On second thought, I'll save my revenge on that pyromaniac girl for last. Now that you can't fight back, I'll complete my original mission.
The influence of his obsession is so strong, it's all I can think about now...
Ness...I'm going to kill you.

...Huh?
Something's on my ...
Ah...!!
My hat!! My hat!!
Hahahaha!!
Wait,
then that
means...!
GEEEEEH??
Since when did it
start raining
hats?

WOO
POSH

Poo..,?
Is it ...is it really him??
Thank goodness...
Hahahaha!!
He... He actually showed up!
It's really him!!
.....
Who is this stranger?
Something about him makes
me feel sick to my stomach....

-GLARE-
HYAAAAAAAH!!!
WOOOOSH
P...
S...
I...

STOOOOORM!

YAAAAAAAAAAHHH!!!
GRAAAAAAAAAHH!!!
GEHEHEH!! You think an attack like that will stop me?? I don't know who you are, but let me get one thing straight! I am...
...Completely out of bait...
-There's not a spare drop on any of these kids...!
If we're all crushed here, there will be nothing left to regenerate with...!!!
-EVERYONE!!! RUN! RUN!! GET AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE!!!
Relax, boss! There's no way he'll

DEFEAAAAARGGGGG--!!!!
KYAAAA!!!
WAAAUUUUGH!!
B-BOSS...!!!
H-HE..L...!!!
AAAGHHH!!!
GUUUHHH!!
SNIFF

BUUURP!!!
THE PAAAA!!!AAARGH!!!
-- I-I-I-It's okay...-- So long as I can hide some more bait, I'll be able to survive and rebuild my army!
R-Right! We just need to bide our time! He can't do this forever, right?! RIGHT?!?!
GULP

He's guiding it in this direction!!
BUUUUUUURP!
S-Someone...!
A-Anyone...!!
H-Help...!!!
CRAAAAAAAAAAAASH!!
NOOOOOO...OO...O....OOOOOOO...O.......O...

N.....O.....O....

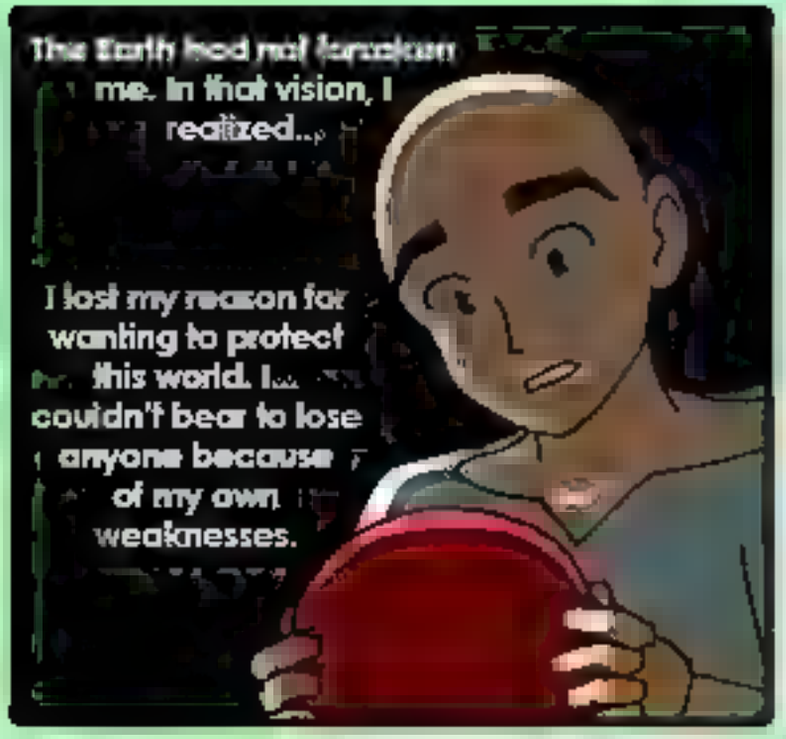
SPLAAAAAASH!

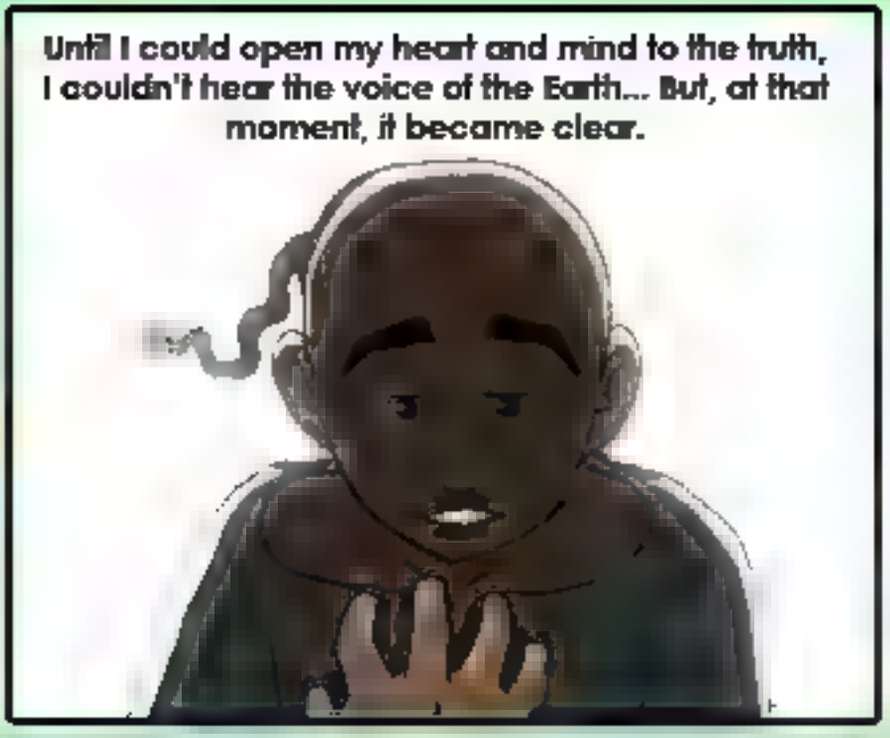
Hey, guys! I'm back!
Hope I didn't keep you waiting!

Sorry I kept you guys waiting for so long.
POO!!!!
welcome back!!!
W-W-Wait...!
SPLAAAAAASH
Don't worry about it. While not the best place to swim, somehow it was... refreshing.
crackle crackle
crackle crackle
After trudging through a sewer swamp water is hardly a problem Although wet pants are not to be underestimated
Hahaha, did Poo just make a joke?
Hahahaha!! You said it! Good thing for Paula's PSI!
"It burns bad guys AND heals wet pants!"

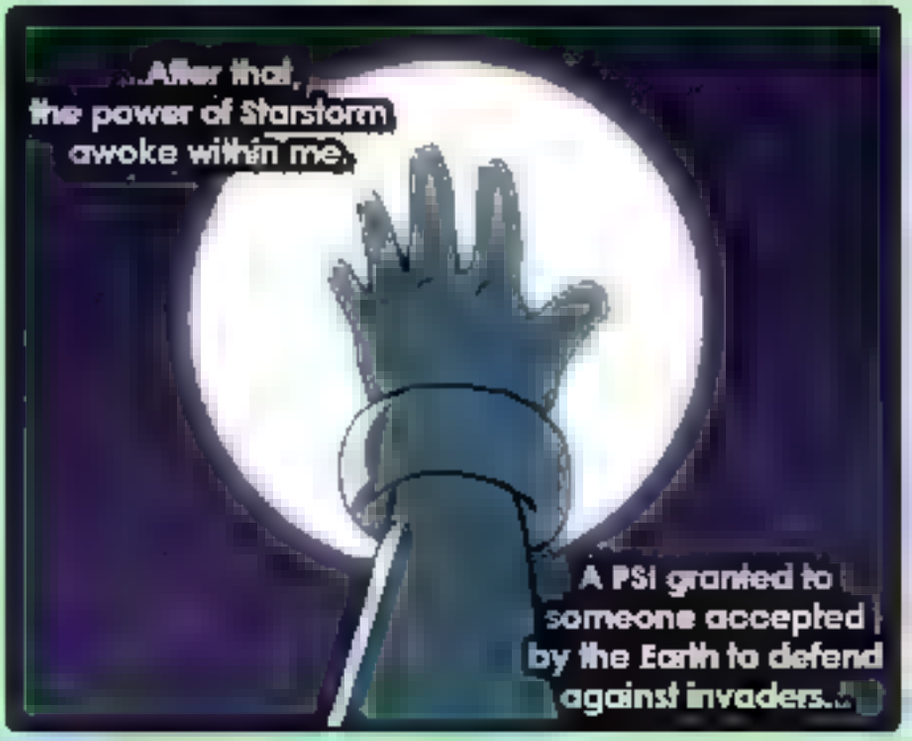
You must have gone through a lot, though, huh, Poo? Somehow you seem.., different. Happier
Ness...
Happier huh...?
...Yeah, Yeah, I suppose I am.
...When my training began, I was in a hurry to face my weaknesses and become stronger.
All I could think about was gaining new strength so that I could return to your side as fast as possible.
However, unlike my past training, this was not a simple matter of overcoming a trial through sheer guts. This time, I had to face the Earth herself and realize a new potential within me.
However, doing so meant that I would have to open myself completely to assure that I would be worthy enough to use such power justly.

Yet, I couldn't. No matter how much I tried, I couldn't realize the power of Starstorm. Mother Earth only grants this power to warriors with a heart strong enough to protect the people of this planet.
...And I was denied. I was confused, angry...
...But worst of all, I was weak.
I was willing to sacrifice myself to protect this world. However, that was not enough. I was lost, unable to understand what I was lacking...
...And then, I heard a voice.
"Who is it you wish to protect?"
"As the Prince of Dalaam, I'll protect everyone!"
"The whole world?"
"You bet!"
"This time... I'll protect them, I won't fail... This is my mission. It is my duty to ensure their safety. I need power... Enough power to protect...everyone..."
You're not alone. We're in this together!
"I...I couldn't protect them..."
"B-But... I'm the prince... ...Why...?"

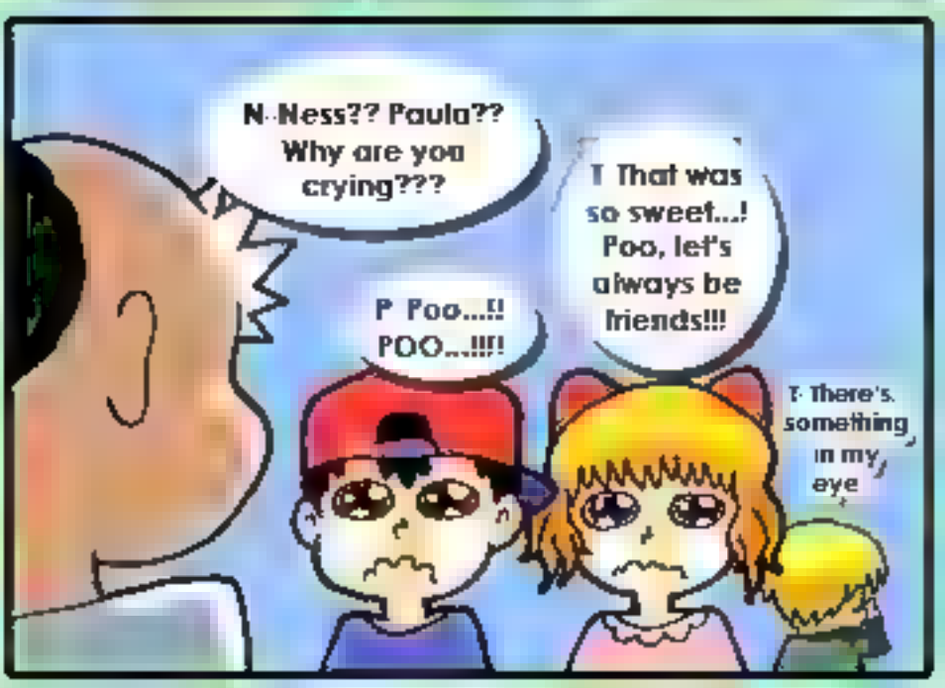

The Earth had not forsaken me. In that vision, I realized...
I lost my reason for wanting to protect this world. I... couldn't bear to lose anyone because of my own weaknesses.


Until I could open my heart and mind to the truth, I couldn't hear the voice of the Earth... But, at that moment, it became clear.

I will protect this world as Poo.
Not as the Prince of Dalaam, Nor because it is my mission.
With my friends...
We'll save this world. ...Together.


...After that, the power of Starstorm awoke within me.
A PSI granted to someone accepted by the Earth to defend against invaders...

...But most of all, I'm thankful for what I've learned about myself...
...And the happiness I feel finally being back where I belong

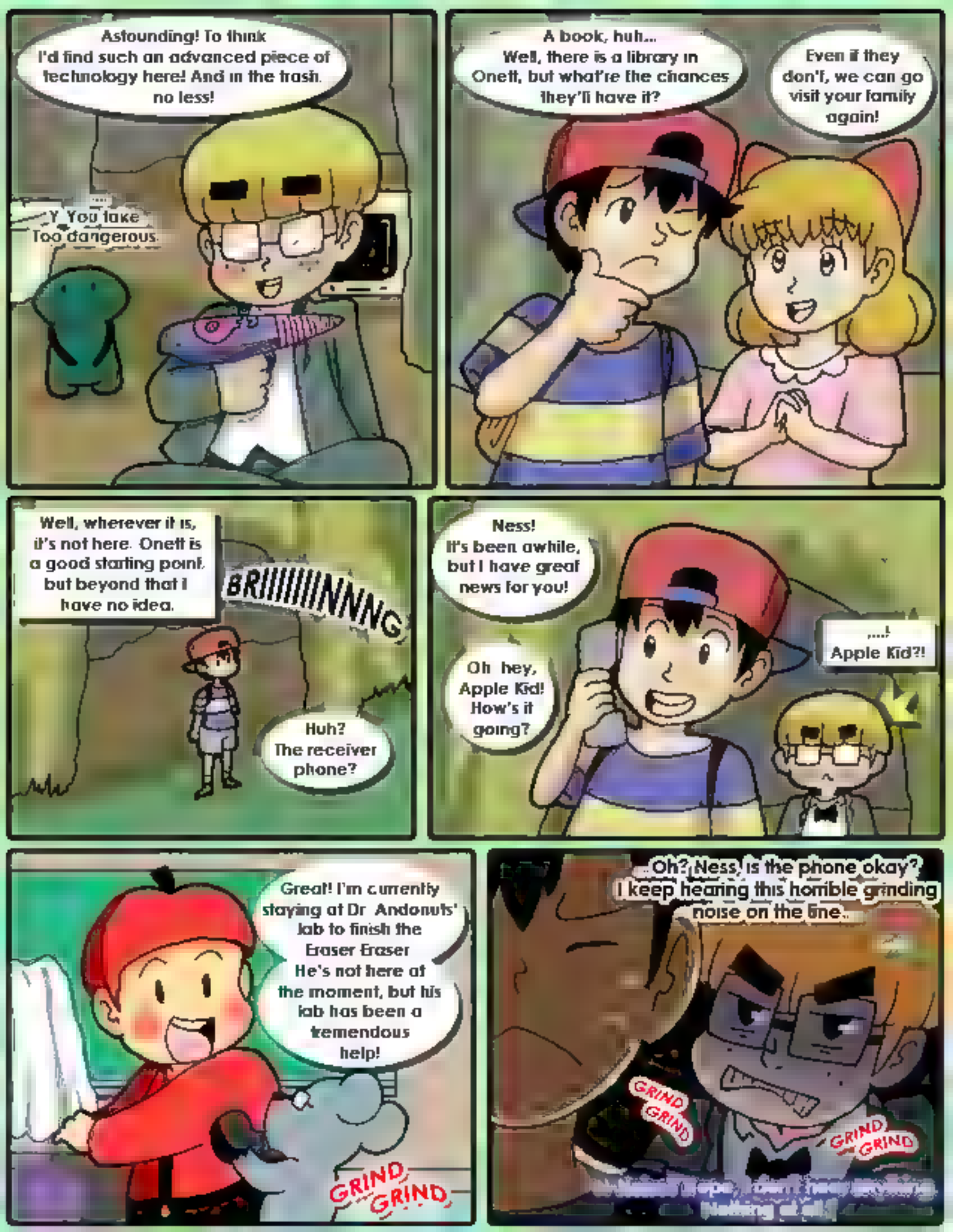

N-Ness?? Paula?? Why are you crying???
P Poo...!! POO...!!!!
T That was so sweet...! Poo, let's always be friends!!!
T There's something in my eye

Hey, now that Poo's back... Let's tell ghost stories!
Ghost stories, huh? Ah well, in Dalaam we have quite a number of myths.
R Really?! Hee hee hee... D-Don't hold back Poo!
...Very well. Let me tell you the story about the split that once possessed the book of many possessions...
~gulp~
...Whoa, no way!
You guys are surprised? But we've already encountered real ghosts and zombies
S-S-Spooky!
B-B-But these are STORY ghosts!
It's almost like they're.... really gonna show up...!
...But... We've already beaten up ghosts before, it's not

....
...There really was something behind him.
What... is that?
He fainted without falling over? How impressive! Jeff, you've really grown!

Ah...
Uuuhh....
What....
Did I fall asleep...?
W...Wait a second, where am I??
Oh, Jeff, you're up! You passed out last night before we met the Tenda, but they let us stay here overnight. They even have a hot spring!
Tenda?
Yeah, they're the tribe that inhabit this place.
...uhh... That's all we know, though.
Paula is talking to them now, but they're kinda...
P-A-U-L-A! I'm a friend!
Oooh... Girlfriend, too soon.
T_T Too shy for dating-g-g-g
No luck, huh? I found one that's willing to talk, but..
Really?? Great! Leave it to me!
...So then I saw a dinosaur and the dinosaur was all like hey bubby you need to get out of my way, and I was all like yeah, well, you need to lose some weight and then the talking rock and were playing chess and I won because rocks are really bad at chess but few people know this
...I give up.

Ah... Um... E... Excu... Excuse m... me
You're the elder, right?
We appreciate the help, but we're not sure where to go next, and..
Oh... N-N-No eye contact. P-Please, no staring.
S Sorry Is this better?
My thanks, you. See, we're all shy Rumor of back to fix shyness. I heard, but don't know where Only rumor
Then GIANT moon face comes by and starts dropping knowledge like nobody's business and I'm all like no waaaay, bubby, you gotta check yo self before you lunar eclipse yo self and he flips me the dark side of his moon if you know what I mean, but then this spring goes off and cleans up his act and I'm all like oh snaaaap, you just got
Do you ever shut up?
Whatever Hey, muscles, you've got the power to move heavy rocks, right? Well make with the moving already
Hey!! You listening?? I SAID
W-Wait, bubby! Don't! When he gets too embarrassed, he
thake
thake
GURK
SMAAAAAAAAAASH!!!!
Ah... There he goes...


Astounding! To think I'd find such an advanced piece of technology here! And in the trash, no less!
....Y..You take Too dangerous.
A book, huh... Well, there is a library in Onett, but what're the chances they'll have it?
Even if they don't, we can go visit your family again!
Well, wherever it is, it's not here. Onett is a good starting point, but beyond that I have no idea.
BRIIIIIIINNNG
Huh? The receiver phone?
Ness! It's been awhile, but I have great news for you!
Oh hey, Apple Kid! How's it going?
....! Apple Kid?!
Great! I'm currently staying at Dr. Andonuts' lab to finish the Eraser Eraser. He's not here at the moment, but his lab has been a tremendous help!
GRIND GRIND
...Oh? Ness, is the phone okay? I keep hearing this horrible grinding noise on the line...
GRIND GRIND
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Huh, weird Well, about that Eraser Eraser machine...
Did it just get darker in here ?
!!!!
W-What is...!!
N-No, let go!!
w-Where are you tak--
......
......
BEEEEEEEEEEP.
Apple Kid?! Hey, what's going on??
...No answer
I don't know what happened, but we have to go check it out
I agree. This is way too suspicious to just overlook.
BBBRRRRRRIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIING!!
Another call!
Apple Kid?! Hey, Apple Kid?? Is that you??
Ness, old pal! It's me, Orange Kid, and I have the GREATEST NEWS EVER!!!
The dear professor and I have finalized the most AMAZING research known to man!
I'm talking about, of course.
Hmmm, how do I turn this thing off?
w-w-wait I have something important to tell you. !!
TAP, TAP,

Fine, fine, I'll listen. Just make it quick, ok
EXCELLENT! So, as I was saying, hard boiled eggs, right? For all of those individuals who suffer from hard boiled regret...
WORRY NO LONGER!!! I'm here to soften up that sadness with my GENIUS INVE
~GLARE~
S-Sorry, Ness. To be honest, I'm pretty terrible at communicating with people.
Really? You don't have much trouble calling me, at least.
Y-Yeah, but I get so nervous, I break out into fits of bragging... I'm not really conceited, I swear.
Actually, I was hoping the book "Overcoming Shyness" would help me...
...but Apple Kid borrowed it, and I can't get ahold of him.
Oh! That was it! Ness, what I wanted to ask you...
Wait, which one was the raw egg.. Hmmmmm...
Please, find Apple Kid! Wherever he is... Find him, and tell him to come back!
He may be a fat slob, but...
I miss him...
You can count on me. No matter what, I'll find him.

...W Whoa, rough landing
Thanks to PM Teleport, we can travel to Wonders in a flash, but I'm not really sure why we arrived here instead of the fair. Actually...have I ever been here before?
Somehow it looks...familiar. Like I've seen it in a dream.
Oooh...This place is so pretty, but I forgot how cold it is. At least it's not night, but still...
Y Yeah, we haven't been back since
O Oh... ...H How embarrassing...
..... D Did it just get really hot out?
...?
Huh? A monkey? ...Wait a sec, that's...!
Ooooh.... He's still not back... I knew it... I just knew it
YOU NO GOOD TWO TIMER, LEAVING ME FOR THAT BIG HUMPED HUSSY!!! WHAT A FOOL I WAS...! "OLD GIRLFRIEND" MY TAIL!!! WAAAAAAAHHHHHH!!!!!
She seems a little upset.

Jeff...? Jeff Andonuts! No way...! How long has it been??
Maxwell!!
Ah... Actually, I'd love to catch up, but... Well, I'm not sure how to put this, so I'll just say it. ...Tony is missing.
W...What? Tony?
Yeah... On top of missing class, he s been absent from the dorms as well.
You'd know better than anyone just how unlike him that is. Something is definitely wrong.
We've searched all over, but it's like he just.. vanished into thin air
Tony...
Come to think of it. I've heard rumors of disappearances all over Winters lately... I'm hoping they're just that, but now... I don't know
I can only imagine why you've come back, but... Be careful, Jeff.
Don't worry, Maxwell. I'll get to the bottom of this.

These disappearances are too much of a coincidence. If we're going to find your missing friends we'd better get moving.
KEEEEEEEEK KYA!!
Right. Apple Kid mentioned he was at the lab we visited last time we were here.
So that was...um... Where was that again?
Dad's lab...I mean, Dr. Andonuts' lab is to the south
It's not too far, but we'll have to
E-E-E...E-LIMINATE TAAGGGGGGGGG-
W What the...!!
FWOOOOOMSH
This robot...it's barely able to function. Then why...?
...I see. This was a deliberate attempt at an ambush... A poorly planned one, but still. Something big is here, and we're going to find it.
This robot looks familiar

Was it at Twoson? ...No, Happy Happy Village. These robots were guarding that area back then.
If these robots were around when I was kidnapped, then what does that mean for Apple Kid?
It's no coincidence. These robots, Apple Kid going missing, and now Tony...
I'll have to analyze these parts later, but they're clearly programmed as part of a bigger plot. If so, then...
...Then that means we might be walking into something incredibly dangerous.
BWOOOOSH
Hyaaa!
SMAAAAAAASH!!
Then we'll need all the help we can get.
riiiiip
Ah... Actually, Poo, I don't need any more parts.
Oh, uh, woops...
So, they've made it this far. I'll have to prepare a special greeting for them....

SEBAAAAAASTIAAAAAAN!!
WHERE ARE YA, OLD CHUM?!?!
...?
Sebastian...
He was kidnapped by aliens! That UFO came out of the lake, and then...and then...!
Excuse me, but did you just say you saw a UFO?
Yes! I was looking for Tessie, just like yesterday, and the day before that, and the day before that, and..er, well, anyways, the UFO emerged from the lake, kidnapped poor Sebastian, and flew off! It was heading toward Stonehenge when I lost sight of it....
Oh! Oh! Here it comes!
~prooooh~
~cheeeeeew cheeeew~
I see, so then... Whoa, is that..! ....It is!
M-MY BUDDY!! NO WAAAAAY!!!
Even if I can't really tell what he's saying, I'm pretty sure our thoughts are the same.
UKIII-YA!
Kiki ya pikokepe!!
Hahaha, I guess Jeff must be quite a charmer with the monkeys.
Hehe, they must be pretty close, huh?

...So that's why we're back here. However, the place we really need to get to is to the south.
Leave it to me, old friend! I just happen to have some cheeewing gum!
BWOOOOOOOM!
Just a little bit of this, and....
I...Is that?! Tessie!! It's Tessie!!!
C'mon out, baby! ♥
Tessie's heeeeere!! ...And it's really a flying monkey!!
NO WAY!!! A giant dinosaur just emerged from underneath Tessie!!
Tessieeee!! Gimme your autograph, pleaaaase!
SPLAAAAAAASH!!
Jeff is friends with a dinosaur. This is officially the coolest thing ever.
This is... how would you say it? "Rad"? ...Yeah. This is rad.
So we're just overlooking the whole affair thing going on here, huh?
Alright, everyone! Climb aboard!
This is a family friendly story.
...But there've been chapters with big boobs and eyes being ripped out.
....Um... It's for a very weird family.

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